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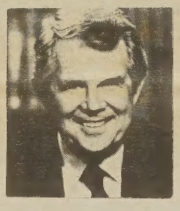
THE CHARGE:

## THEIR HATE RHETORIC IS CAUSING VIOLENCE TO GAY AND LESBIAN PEOPLE

*Lou Sheldon (left), is a master of the gay slur technique. He heads the Traditional Values Coalition based in California.*

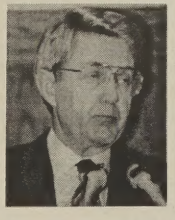
*Dr. James Dobson (right), Focus on the Family leader, is a kingpin in the anti-gay/hate propaganda network.*

*Beverly LaHaye (left), Concerned Women for America, is one of the few female leaders the male dominated radical right tolerates.*

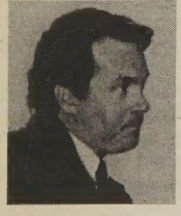


*Pat Robertson (right) has so many outlets for his continuous barrage of intolerance and bigotry we lack room to list them. He is at the root of the violence.*

*Phyllis Schlafly (left), Eagle Forum, preceded LaHaye into acceptance by the men on the Right. She is a tireless anti-gay propagandist.*



***Will Perkins (right), Chairman of the Board of Colorado for Family Values, has been in the leadership role in this organization whose campaign is based on lies and myths.***



***Kevin Tebedo (left) is Executive Director of Colorado for Family Values and has become its TOP GUN in recent months, using every stereotypical misrepresentation he can muster.***

D. James Kennedy, not shown, televangelist/Coral Ridge Ministries, is seen as using the harshest and most provocative of the anti-gay line today

**The Verdict:** Jerry, its all about money, Falwell, not pictured, Moral Majority.

**Ignorance of the results of their action is not an acceptable defense. Statistics clearly show a dramatic upswing in violence being done with obvious connections to their anti-gay campaign!!**

**GUILTY AS CHARGED!!!**

# Colorado for Family Values Pamphlet Abuses Memory of Holocaust/ Holocaust Victims

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REV. MEL CONTINUES TO SOUND THE MESSAGE:

## END THE WORDS OF HATE STOP THE VIOLENCE

**Taking no break after 23 day fast and jail, Dr. White confronts those who are using language that incites violence against gays and lesbians at radical right meeting in Ft. Lauderdale**

by Franklin Whitworth

On February 14, 1995, Mel White went to see Pat Robertson at his Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach, Virginia to ask him to end the rhetoric that is causing violence to gays and lesbians, to denounce the violence that is being done and those who do it and to explore ways to reduce the violence further.

Instead of meeting with Rev. White, head of he Ministry of Justice for the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and author of *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America* , in his humanitarian quest, Robertson chose to send the message that he would never meet with him because he represented a "Cult of Death" because gays and lesbians "do not procreate."

At the end of his wits on how to get to the fundamentalists right with this life and death matter, White declared, "I refuse to leave as an act of civil disobedience and in the name of Christ," expecting to be arrested.

He was arrested and spent the next 23 days in jail and on a fast. He vowed that he would not leave jail until Pat Robertson met with him and agreed to consider his appeal. As the days progressed, word spread across America, especially among gays and lesbians, about the sacrifice that Dr. White was willing to make to end the maiming and murder of his gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. Tens of thousands of letters of encouragement were sent to him in jail and uncountable messages were sent to Robertson to "talk to Mel!!!"

Robertson was hard pressed as to how to settle this. Hardheaded, he refused to go to the jail despite an ever widening outcry that is rumored to include U. S. Senators, the Executive Branch and down to highly placed Virginia Beach officials who privately expressed concern about the shame Robertson's stand was bringing to that resort city. White, who overall never lost his faith that Robertson would answer the call to a Christian act, temporarily began to believe that perhaps those who thought Robertson would never come were right, prepared his will and began to saying good-bye to his loved ones. Such was his commitment.

Robertson needed a face saving way to come around. Dr. White' parents, long time major financial contributors to CBN and Robertson, gave it to him by asking that he end his intractable stand and see his former friend and their son

As it panned out, however, Robertson's trip to the jail and his meeting with Mel were not motivated by Christian charity. He did meet and drop the charges but immediately upon leaving the jail, he announced that the only reason he went to the jail was because White's parents, who did not support or endorse their son or his lifestyle and who did not understand him, had appealed to Robertson as friends and for mercy for their son.

Both of White's parent's subsequently denounced Robertson as mean and nasty and for putting words in their mouths about their feelings for their son, for their pride in his accomplishments, and for the concern he was showing in this act for gays and lesbians.

Many have come to believe that Robertson was more motivated to seize an opportunity to save face and to continue to receive the funds contributed by the White's and the $100,000 left to CBN in their will. Such is also viewed as his motivation in retract-

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## Message of the Month

*You keep perservering 'til justice is done!!*

**Response of Merlie Evers-Williams, widow of slain Civil Rights leader, Medgar Evers and newly elected leader of the NAACP when asked how she held out for the thirty years it took to bring her hunband's murderer to justice.**

## *GROUND ZERO NEWS* CHANGES

Those of you familiar with GZN will notice that the format has, or is in the process of changing. The new "tabloid" size will be accompanied in coming months with departments and special interest pages. We are, in fact, looking for someone to write a monthly review of a book of interest to the community, for someone to take on a monthly obligation of reporting news from the world of art and theatre, and for suggestions on how we might further improve. Of course, more stories and news report of a local nature are also sought. As we grow, have patience with us. Adjusting to this new size and format will take time.

**MOVING????**

**Well, your GZN won't follow unless you let us know where you are. We mail Non-Profit Bulk Rate and that mail goes in the trash if not deliverable to the address on the mailing label!!! Editor**


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## EVENTS AT METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

**April 8 6PM and April 9 7PM, ($5 Donation)**
**AN EASTER CANTATA**

**April 16 5PM**
**EASTER WORSHIP**

Both of Above at 730 N. Tejon

**The Bible and Homosexuality Seminar**
**to be held at THE CENTER** 125 N. Parkside
**Pre-registration Required---NO FEE**
**April 22 & 29 10AM-4PM**
Call Rev. Nori Rost 634-3772

## L E G A L I Z E D R A P E

An Editorial Commentary by Franklin Whitworth

It has been recently reported that IRS 501 (c)(3) church and religious exemptions from taxes extrapolate to $972 more taxes being paid on the average by each and every individual subject to and paying taxes under the IRS.

On the assumption that there are 150,000,000 such taxpayers, a very conservative assumption, this $972 further extrapolates to an annual investment by Americans in support of religion of $145,800,000,000. This does not include other taxes other than IRS taxes from which churches and religious institutions are exempted.

One can easily come to the conclusion that said tax exemptions, requiring that all citizens pay higher taxes, in essence requires involuntary support of religion by the citizens of the United States, a clear violation of the Constitution. Should some question the intent of the framers, they need only go to Thomas Jefferson's VIRGINIA STATUTE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, to clarify that fact.

Nonetheless most Americans seem willing to accept that exemption as it applies directly to church buildings and donations made at services (THIS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CONSTITUTION DOES NOT ESTABLISH AN EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS!). An argument can be made that most, or a majority, of Americans, do not feel so generous when it comes to church real estate holdings and business activities, the type of activities that generate over $100,000,000 in revenue at Focus on the Family, not a recognized church or religion.

Liberally granting $45,800,000,000 in exemptions to church buildings and donations collected at services, one is left with the sum of $100,000,000,000, based on the conservative estimate of 150 billion taxpayers, that could be returned to citizens or, more importantly, that could be used to reduce the national debt. This is highly more significant a figure than that gained by the elimination of funding public broadcasting at an estimated cost per year of two postage stamps per day per citizen and, indeed, is considerably more significant than PBS funding combined with sums that can be saved from tightening food stamp distribution and use, money taken away from unwed teenage mothers, eliminating youth summer employment programs and many more of the areas under attack by a Congress under control of the radical right element of the Republican Party. In fact, one could probably throw in a benefit for the rich such as reducing the Capital Gains Tax and still come out ahead, keeping the rich, who seem to be so much of a concern to the right, happy.

The same can be said on a smaller scale for the states. While it seems improbable that Congress will make such a change that negatively affects the mega-religious empires and emperors that control it, perhaps the states will be more willing on individual basis. Colorado, for example, could tighten control of religious exemptions as a means of increasing revenue and making Colorado's tax laws truly representative of a "Fair Share" distribution of taxes. It was a loosening of said tighter controls on religious organizations in the late 1980's (the passage of the Considine Act) that largely precipitated the movement to the state by these organizations in ensuing years.

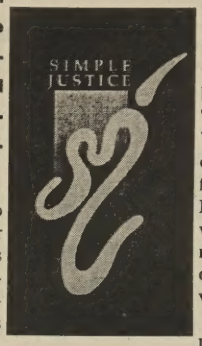
While one might want to draw the conclusion that this editorial writer is anti-religion, nothing could be further from the truth. I am opposed to being forced to pay to support religion through payment of taxes. I am particularly opposed to that when funds raised through said exemptions are used for the purpose of gaining power and effecting directly and indirectly political change. Specifically, I find this inexcusable when said funds are used to defame me and gays and lesbians in general and when said funds are used to attempt to stop me from viable participation in government on all levels and in society.

Recently, Newt Gingrich, the right wing Speaker of the House of Representative, attended a fundraiser for Public Broadcasting and made a donation, urging everyone to do as he had done. He stated, however, that funding from federal funds of Public Broadcasting is not appropriate. It is easy to make a much stronger case for such considerations, accruing billions of dollars of indirect funding to the benefit of religious business organizations, not being an appropriate role of any level of government or public bodies. There is a much more legitimate appeal that individuals do more to support their chosen religions as a freedom of conscience and that those that do not choose to do so, not be made to do so.

The Honorable Mr. Gingrich continually states that radical changes need to be made in the way we govern and spend citizen's money. We have to, he says, reexamine sacred cows to see if they continue to be viable in this day and age. Mr. Gingrich need look closer to home, a closer look at those who form the basis of his support, because current tax exemptions held by religious organizations are in effect allowing a legalized rape of American citizens by many religious organizations. ∇

# SIMPLE JUSTICE PRESS RELEASE

**Colorado Springs CO---Simple Justice, a gay and lesbian organization that concerns itself with legislative and political activity of importance to the gay and lesbian community, has issued the following advisory in regard the forthcoming election.**




The City of Colorado Springs elections will occur on **April 4th**. The mayor's seat and all four of the at-large seats for council member are up for grabs in this year's election.

There are several candidates running for the at-large seats. The four that receive the most votes will win seats on city council. On the ballot, you will be asked to choose up to four names from among those listed.

**There are three candidates that are of concern to Simple Justice and voters are urged to look carefully at their qualifications. They are Cheryl Gillaspie, Tom Doxey and Robert Woeger.** During the Amendment 2 campaign in 1992, **Cheryl Gillaspie**, who was first elected to city council in 1991, **supported Colorado for Family Values** by lending her name and position to them for their use in some of their campaign literature. Two years ago, Gillaspie also pushed for the placement of Amy Stephen, who worked for Focus on the Family, onto the city Human Relations Commission. **This past January, Gillaspie was the lone vote on city council in support of disbanding that commission** instead of placing it into another six month hiatus while community organizations studied its fate.

**Cheryl Gillaspie has been busy publicly endorsing Tom Doxey and Robert Woeger and has strongly encouraged people to vote for them along with herself. It looks as if there is a 3-way ultraconservative rightwing blitz for control of the city council underway.**

Simple Justice takes the position that the electorate must take a strong look at these three candidates in relation to the other candidates and that consideration be given to the question "Do you want the ultra right conservative element of Colorado Springs to have effective voting control of City Council?"

Voting places are, for the most part, the same as the last election. A few have changed. Call the Election Department at 520-6224 to confirm your polling location if in doubt.

Ground Zero does not endorse candidates. This release is printed as a service to our membership, who are encouraged to take the time to learn all sides of the issues and to take the time to be informed about all the candidate and, by all means, **VOTE. WHEN YOU FAIL TO VOTE, YOU SUPPORT THOSE YOU OPPOSE.**

# DOYLE TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

**by Franklin Whitworth**

Canon City CO--- Tom Doyle, County Commissioner in Fremont County, announced on March 24th that he would be a candidate for the third Congressional district. The seat is held now by Republican Scott McInnis, who is expected to run for the Republican nomination to replace retiring Senator, Hank Brown. Whether or not Doyle makes in the race, however, is not contingent on McInnis' decision.

Doyle is Chairman of the Fremont County Commissioners, Chairman of the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Government, Member of the Canon City School Board ( 2 term and a past president), Board member of the Rocky Mountain Build a Generation and Rocky Mountain Behavioral Health. He is an appointee by Governor Roy Romer to the Arkansas River Coordinating Committee, the Rural Job Training LEO Board and the Governors AIDS Council. Doyle is a past co-chair of the Denver Lesbian and Gay Community Center and founded the National Gay Broadcasting Service, a non-profit which produced a weekly Gay News show that was distributed through Pacifica Network to NPR. Considered an expert of issues regarding water, its control and quality, Doyle travels all over the world speaking and acting as advisor to groups concerned with water issues.

"I think I am a very viable candidate," Doyle said. "I have a strong background in a variety of issues, including education, water resources, rural health, ecology and reinvention of government." Doyle continued, "I am a democrat and will always be a democrat, but I have a strong record of working well with both sides. I am running for Doyle. I will campaign on my strengths and abilities. I want the voters to have a good choice. A choice between McInnis and myself would give the voters a good choice." Doyle has stated that he will not attack his opponent.

When asked how his being gay will affect his ability to be elected and to serve, Doyle said that it should have no more effect than it ever has. "I have always served all the people and I have always been gay. I will continue to serve all the people. I am not a gay candidate. I am a candidate who happens to be gay."

Doyle plans an ambitious 1995 of building funds and name recognition prior to the full campaign in 1996. He indicated that he announced early because it takes time to raise the kind of money it will take (as much as a million dollars) and it will take time to get around this vast district and get to know all of the people.

Gay community leaders see Doyle's candidacy as a true test of what really motivates anti-gay forces. "Here is a man," said Ground Zero board member Julie Cooper, "who has and is still serving his community in very productive ways. Being gay has only been incidental in this service and is only incidental in his candidacy. The only reason he is even bringing it out is because he knows that, though never hidden, it has the possibility of becoming an issue in a larger campaign like this. Doyle is not a 'gay activist,' he is a 'community activist' and his record should stand on its own." End

**There are candidates in the Tuesday April 4th Election who will work to eliminate you from viable participation in government and society. They are seeking control of City Council. If you do not vote against them--YOU WILL BE THEIR ALLIES IN TAKING CONTROL OF THIS CITY. Theirs is an agenda of Hate. Determine who you feel should be elected and**

**VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## Speakers Bureau Informs

### Continues To Seek New Audiences and Participants

"Community Voices," the Speakers Bureau Project continues to supply personnel for groups who want information about our community and its concerns. Recently, Sue R. and Frank M. discussed the importance of community to gays and lesbians in a class for social workers conducted by Cindy Kulp of USC. The presentation allowed for a lengthy question and answer period, and as a result of the discussion, two students chose to explore our community for their project on community analysis.

Bobby M. participated in a debate with Will Perkins on the topic of gays in the military on Channel 11's midday show with Jennings and Jennings. From all indications Will is having more and more trouble not showing the hateful anti-gay zealot he is. Bobby did a great job of presenting the truth and catching Will in his lies.

Frank W. spoke to a P-Flag meeting on hate crimes and murders around America, was a panelist at a Dignity forum and appeared on the P. M. Wynn show opposite Kevin Tebedo, where he took great delight in exposing the real nature of CFV's agenda of exclusion.

In April, two speakers have been requested for a class on social problems at UCCS. Details of how this presentation went will follow next month.

Anyone wishing to join the Speakers Bureau as a presenter is welcome to call the office or Frank M. at 685-5879 and request an information form. We will be working closely with the group meeting with the religious community to provide speakers and discussion participants for any gathering they arrange. We will also be planning speaker training sessions for those interested in exploring those areas. We are pleased with the response so far and are working to increase our presence in the larger community.

## Mel White

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ing the statement and apologizing to the Whites.

Fifteen pounds lighter and with his skin hanging loose on his frame, White left Virginia Beach for Southern Florida and a gathering sponsored by D. James Kennedy, pastor of the Coral Ridge Ministries, viewed as one of the most mean spirited anti-gay radical Fundamentalists. This meeting was billed as a gathering called to plan coming strategy for the anti-gay and anti-abortion movement.

In attendance at this meeting were representatives of many of the major radical right and Christian Coalition leadership, including Ralph Reed and, Gary Bauer (for Dr. James Dobson) and many others. Determined to get his message heard, White attempted to register at the meeting and was allowed to do so by Dr. Kennedy, obviously as a result of his stand and the resulting publicity in the Virginia Beach action. White also met with these and others in private to implore them to help end the violence, also viewed as a result of the Virginia Beach action and a desire by these men not to repeat such a happening.

White also addressed a large rally of lesbians and gays and their supporters outside the meeting, urging them to redouble their efforts to move the effort for gay and lesbians rights and to end the violence.

Tired and in need of rest, White left Florida to return home for the first time in more than a month for a week's rest before rejoining the campaign. White is more convinced than ever that more direct actions involving civil disobedience and peaceful protest may be necessary in the future. He will be traveling to meet with activists and, especially, a religious gay and lesbian community that is becoming more and more activists, and discuss a plan for the future. It seems only right that the quest for gay and lesbians civil rights should largely come out of the churches. It was out of the churches that those marching for justice and civil rights for Black Americas came.

White's continuing growth as a spokesman for gays and lesbians and, especially for Christian gays and lesbians—and he is already speaking for hundreds of thousands— can only enhance his ability to effect change and to call attention to the issues of importance to gays and lesbians. Many believe that it is inevitable that he will emerge as one of the most important and effective leaders of the movement in this last decade of the twentieth century and the beginning of the twenty-first. Many also believe that he could become the unifying force of a heretofore somewhat fractured national, already improving, movement. Many also believe that there couldn't be a better choice. ∇

# Colorado For Family Values Resorts To Hate Literature, Lies and Disinformation

In the April Issue of the "CFV REPORT," Newsletter for Colorado for Family Values, the entire cover and much of the issue is filled with an article entitled "The Pink Swastika," being a reprint of an article by a "so-called" Jewish scholar, Kevin Abrams, entitled "The Other Side of the Pink Triangle." Abrams is listed as an orthodox Jew and as having ties to the so-called "Reparative *Therapy*" segment of the Radical Right. This element believes that , contrary to overwhelming professional opinion, homosexuality can be cured, as if it were an illness.

The same material as found in the Abrams article was used by the radical right in Oregon, there called the OCA, CFV's counterpart, in their campaign to deny gays and lesbians equal rights. On the rest of this page are reactions to and comments about this abuse of the memory of the Holocaust by the radical right.

On the opposite page is an article prepared especially for *Ground Zero News* by Glenn Stehle of San Antonio addressing inconsistencies and misrepresentations of "The Pink Swastika" when only compared with one book in its bibliography--that is misquoted and blatantly misused.

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**A statement by Dr. Klaus Muller, internationally-recognized historian of the Holocaust Museum, Washington D.C. in response to material used by anti-gay Oregon organization OCA and recently reused by Colorado for Family Values.**

The lessons of the Holocaust teach us that no form of hate and bigotry can be tolerated--not against Jews, not against people of color, not against gays and lesbians. It's painful to see how the Oregon Citizens Alliance--through disinformation and false propaganda--is using the Holocaust as a legitimation for hate and bigotry. Holocaust revisionism is hurtful to the memory of all victims and endangers our civil and human rights today.

**The following response was written by Marvin Stern, Director of the Pacific Northwest Region of the Anti-Defamation League.**

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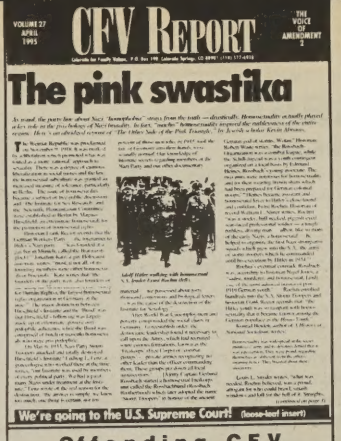
"Recent efforts by people associated with Measure 13 [Oregon's anti-gay legislation defeated by voters] to appropriate and exploit the Holocaust for their own political purposes is offensive and should be repudiated as an attempt to divert the focus from the real purpose of Measure 13, that being to legislate discrimination against people because of their sexual orientation. Good people can differ on the various issues of the day, including the merits of Measure 13. However, the attempt to put the Holocaust and, by extension, the Jewish community, at the center of this debate should be exposed for what it is--a non-issue.

The truth is that homosexuals too were victims of the Nazis. That early in this history there may have been gays in the Nazi Party is frankly irrelevant, especially inasmuch as many of those homosexuals were purged in the murderous 'Night of Long Knives.' [1934]. Voters in Oregon will not be fooled by this attempt to revise history.

That the OCA was forced to go out of state to find a so-called 'expert' for this purpose speaks to the fact that the vast majority of the Jewish community in Oregon, from secular to traditional, opposes Measure 13, for history and experience have taught Jews that those who would limit the civil rights of one group often have little difficulty in extending that bias to other groups. That Jews should allow themselves to be co-opted for this purpose is shameful."


CFV REPORT

The pink swastika

We're going to the U.S. Supreme Court!

Offending CFV Pamphlet

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OTHER NORTHWEST JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONDEMNED THIS MISUSE OF THE HOLOCAUST AND OPPOSED THE ANTI-GAY MEASURE THERE INCLUDED:

Jewish Federation of Portland
American Jewish Committee
National Council of Jewish Women-Portland
ADL NW Region
Oregon Jewish Agenda
Hadassah
South Metro Jewish Community
Eastside Jewish Community of Portland
Oregon Board of Rabbis
and many, many more.

# Views on
# THE PINK SWASTIKA
## BY GLENN STEHLE
### A SPECIAL TO *GROUND ZERO NEWS*

"The ping swastika," written by self-proclaimed "Jewish Scholar" Kevin Abrams is one of the most sophisticated instances of hate literature yet compiled. Abrams charges that "there was far more brutality, rape, torture and murder committed against innocent people by Nazi deviants and homosexuals than there ever was against homosexuals.

To be sure, "The pink swastika" massively misrepresents the historical record, largely through a process of cunningly selective quotation of often reputable sources. But Abrams could be confident that few of his readers would go to the trouble of actually hunting down the works cited. For if readers actually did so, they might discover a rather different picture. They might find out--from the article's own vaunted authorities--that, for example, Magnus Hirschfeld, director of the Institute of Sexual Science, was not only an "effeminate homosexual" as Abrams readily points out, but was also a Jew, a fact Abrams conveniently fails to mention.

They might find out that anti-Semitism and homophobia in the Nazi movement were inextricably linked, and that the 1933 attack on Hirschfield's institute is "correctly read...as an attack against both Judaism and homosexuality," this according to Frank Rector, one of the historians frequently quoted, or misquoted, by Abrams.

They might find out that the pogrom against Jews that began on November 9, 193800the so-called *Kristallnacht,* in which Jewish shops, synagogues, and homes were burned or smashed and ransacked; at least 1,000 Jews were killed and 26,000 were flung into concentration camps--was not an "outbreak of sadistic cruelty--caused by--in particular homosexuality" as Abrams alleges.

They might find out that gay genocide in Germany began a full four years prior to *Kristallnacht* with the June 30, 1934, Blood Purge, or the NIght of the long Knives, as it was known. The two gay Nazis Abrams so prominently and repeatedly accuses of anti-Jewish atrocities, Ernst Roehm and Edmund Heines, along with other thousands of other fay Nazis, had been executed during the Blood Purge, so that by the time of *Kristallnacht*, the Nazi ranks had been systematically cleansed of homosexuals.

They might find out that Hershel Grynszpan, a 17 year old Jew, "an exceedingly handsome youth..."with the sensitive looks of Sal Mineo, with eyes just as huge and dark and expressive," walked into the German Embassy in Paris on November 7, 1938, pulled out a pistol, and shot Ernst vom Rath, German Embassy Counsellor, to death--this being the spark the Nazis claimed ignited the "spontaneous" *Kristallnacht.*.

Abrams cleverly fails to mention the documentation indicating "the Gestapo investigated and found Grynszpan...was having an [homosexual] affair with Rath, "after which Grynszpan quietly disappeared into "Night and Fog," probably dying in the slowest and most painful way the Nazis could devise. "After all," historian Rector recalls, "one does not stage a 'spontaneous' righteously wrathful pogrom just over a couple of homosexuals who had a lovers' quarrel." The ostensible reason for the whole pogrom--an atrocious anti-German murder committed by a Jew--was in jeopardy of being exposed as not an ant-German motivated crime at all.

One might find out that the Sicherheitsdienst (S.D.) organized by Reinhard Heydrick and in control of the concentration camps, was far from being "gay and bisexual" dominated as Abrams asserts. One might find that the one who accused Hedrick of bisexuality, Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, head of the Foreign Intelligence and Counterintelligence Department of the High Command of the Armed Forces, also alleged Hedricks father, a singer, was a Mischling, or a part-jew. This was part of the same dossier alleging Heydrich's homosexuality. a bit of information craftily omitted from "The pink swastika" by Abrams.

Although Heydrich's party enemies alleged that he was a part-Jew and a bisexual, Hitler nonetheless considered him the ideal Nazi, and Nazi inner circles regarded Heydrick as a likely successor to Hitler. had things turned out differently, Heydrich, possibly part-Jew and certainly Jew murderer, and possibly a part-time homosexual and certainly a homosexual murderer, might have become Fuhrer of the Third Reich--and there is no question that as Fuhrer he would have continue to kill both Jews and gays.

One might find out that Abrams blatantly misquotes his sources. For instance, Abrams quotes page 56 of Frank Rector's book, *THE NAZI EXTERMINATION OF HOMOSEXUALS,* as saying, "Hitler Youth Leader Baldur von Schirach was bisexual, Hitler;s private attorney, Reich Legal Director and Minister of Justice, Hans Frank, was homosexual, Hitler's adjutant, William Bruchner, was bisexual, Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess was bisexual and Reich Minister of Economics, Walther Funk was homosexual."

What Frank Rector actually wrote on page 56, which has a completely different intent and meaning than Abrams' canard was: "Depending on what writer one happens to be reading at any given moment, '**some** Nazi's,' '**a number of** Nazis were sexual perverts," '**many** Nazis were sexual perverts,' '**most** Nazis were sexual perverts,' **all** Nazis were sexual perverts. [emphasis added to point out differences] **Reportedly**, Hitler Youth Leader Baldur von Schirach was bisexual; HItler's Private attorney, Reich Legal Director, Minster of Justice, butcher Governor General of Poland, and public gay hater Hans Frank,**was said to be** homosexual; Hitler's adjutant Wilhelm Brucker **was said to be** bisexual; Party Deputy Rudolf Hess, the Number 3 man in the hierarchy before his flight to Scotland to seek British collaboration with the Nazis against the Russians, who was *often snickeringly called* Fraulein Hess in Germany, **was said to be** bisexual; Walther Fund, Reich Minister of Economics, **has frequently been called** a 'notorious' homosexual--or as a jealous predecessor in Funk's post, Hjalomar Schacht **contemptuously claimed,** Funk was a 'harmless homosexual and alcoholic;' Hermann Goring **liked to dress up** in drag and wear campy makeup; and so on and so forth. One astute observer said he would not venture to hazard whether the rumored gayness of certain Nazis was or was not true: 'I wouldn't know. I never slept with those men.'"

So Abram's lies and distortions go on and on. Abrams must have read *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews,* the official anti-Semitic hate book compiled by Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, and decided to model his own little piece of hate literature after that stunning example of pseudo-scholarship.

Abrams" pointed probe, "How can homosexuals today cast themselves or be cast as prime 'victims' of Nazism?", harkens back to Conrad Muhammad's pointed question" "Everyone talks about what Hitler did to the Jews, but what did the Jews do to Hitler?"

You tell 'em, Brother Muhammad.
You tell 'em, Brother Abrams.
You Tell 'em, Brother Tebedo.

Literary works like "The Pink Swastika" and *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews* are instructive only in that they serve as examples of the dangers of carrying multiculturalism to its essentialist extreme. It is this brand of identity politics that leads academics like Stephen L. Carter, the African-american legal scholar who teaches at Yale University, to compare teaching a multiculturalism curriculum to scientific creationism.

Good jews, Bad Jews; good gays, bad gays; good blacks, bad blacks; in the more frightening fringes of identity politics all Jews are the same, all gays are the same, all blacks are the same.

This is the mistake we must refrain from making, lest we end up being just like Louis Farrakhan, Kevin Abrams, and Kevin Tebedo.

Frank Rector seems to have struck a good balance in his writing, staying objective and sticking to the facts, a trait that earned him the moniker "pro-gay" from Abrams. But what Rector wrote was: "In that gays without number rushed wildly *into the Nazi fold, only later to wind up* dancing at the end of a rope, mere illustrates that gays can be as stupid as anyone else, and as immoral." That to me doesn't sound pro-gay, or anti-gay, but more like an impartial assessment of what probably really happened in Germany during one of this century's worst nightmares.

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# CFV GOES TO GRAND JUNCTION

## It's Another Quest for the ***"evil rainbow."***

On Saturday March 18, 1995, the gang at CFV took their roadshow to Grand Junction, where they held two seminars under the title "Time to Stand." Adver tisements placed in the Grand Junction paper blared the headlines "WHAT WILL YOU DO TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST THE FORCED AFFIRMATION OF HOMOSEXUALITY?"

The ad continued to use the rhetoric of hate and fear to induce people to attend these seminars to find out how to stop the advocacy of homosexuality "to our children in our own library," and to stop the advocacy of "their lifestyle to our children in our schools, both paid for by our tax dollars. The assumption, it is presumed, being that homosexual do not pay taxes.

What provoked these seminars? What was so horrible that prompted Kevin Tebedo and friends to mount a caravan to the Southwestern corner of the state. Those hateful child abusers from Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), it would seem, were the culprits.

Those rabid P-FLAG radicals had dared to prevail on the local public library to allow a display of books and materials of importance to the understanding of homosexuality and and the issues surrounding that subject.

Now, by inference from the ad, you would think that children were allowed—nay, encouraged to secret these materials to some dark corner of the library and there become converted to homosexuality through assimilation of the perverted materials. One might even imagine a seedy pervert beckoning the children with the tantalizing words: "Hey kid!!!! Read a book?"

Nothing, however, could be further from the truth. The ten or so books were locked away inside a glass display case, not for random exploration. According to P-FLAG president, Cindy Werner, "If we have an agenda, it is just trying to promote understanding."

To their credit the library board stuck to their guns despite enormous pressure and many not-so-veiled threats. "The library is just a place for the exchange of information and ideas," said librarian Terry Pickens. Library Board president, Rosemary Rahleigh, added that she "...views the issue as one of upholding the First Amendment right to free speech." Also to its credit, Grand Junction's conservative newspaper (no friend to the gay community by all reports) stood with the library, saying in an editorial, "Libraries are nothing if they are not repositories of ideas and conduits for their free exchange. One doesn't have to fully embrace homosexuality to be tolerant of a person's alternative sexual orientation. A little more tolerance would be welcome here. The display should stay until its scheduled end of the month conclusion."

According to reports, the seminars were modestly attended, with about sixty people showing up, including ten or fifteen members of the gay community. The language and presentations reflected the new, Focus on the Family dictated, softer sell (see article p. 9 ) approach of peddling hate designed to overcome a growing revulsion to the hard-hitting materials of the past. Now you get a prettier package but the contents and their intent are the same. "Once you have been hit by a bat, you always know when you are being hit by one again, no matter how it is disguised," noted Stan Wright, a Colorado Springs/gay activist.

Of particular note is the inclusion in the day's program of one Colin Cook, formerly with the reparative therapy organization, Quest Learning Center, and a former associate of the Exodus ministries. His story is of interest, made more so by the fact that he is starting a new ministry, similar to the last one. He was kicked out of that one by the sponsoring "Seventh Day Adventist Church, who then ended the program." The new organization, that may even be based in Colorado Springs, is called Faithquest Learning Center.

**Colin Cook is discussed on Pg. 14**

# Voices of Faith

EQUALITY COLORADO

## FAITH COMMUNITIES- Where do they stand?

The Voices of Faith program works with various religious denominations throughout Colorado. The focus is two-fold:

> Seeking opportunities for dialogue within faith communities regarding human sexuality and working to mobilize faith communities to advocate for the full inclusion and participation of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered person within those communities and society.

The reality is that even though most mainline faith communities have policies which advocate for our civil rights within society, only a few denominations practice what they preach.

Only the Jewish Reform, United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalist and Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, Quaker, Buddhist and Pagan faith traditions have endorsed the full inclusion and participation, including in leadership positions, of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons. Most Jewish and Christian denominations have taken the position similar to the current military policy--"Don't ask, Don't tell." The exception to this position is the evangelical churches who will ask and then proceed to throw out those who are truthful about their sexual orientation. Or those churches might pressure the person to undergo the horrendous and abusive attempt to "convert homosexuals to heterosexuality" similar to what the Rev. Mel White experienced. We know those ex-gay ministries supported by the evangelical religious community are not only devastating to the participants but are psychologically, theologically and morally corrupt.

The reality is that the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faith traditions have been ordaining gays and lesbians for centuries. It has been only the last thirty years that faith communities have begun to dialogue and study human sexuality. This process of studying homosexuality at first appeared hopeful. Committees were formed to undergo the extensive task of research, hearing the stories of gays and lesbians, and biblical interpretations. As a result of their work, often those committees would put forth recommendations to the denominations which were progressive and inclusive. What then happened has taken place over and over within various denominations,those recommendations calling for the ordinations of gays and lesbians were hardily defeated by the voting assembly. One of the major reasons for these defeats has been the presence of the radical right and its campaign of misinformation and fear promotion within the specific denomination.

The following denominations are "studying the issue of homosexuality:" the Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the Presbyterian Church (USA). These are denominations that are governed by national policies. Therefore to change the current exclusionary policies, the national assemblies will vote at the end of the study period. The United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church USA will take action on their respective studies in 1996. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America put forth the first draft of their human sexuality report which was promptly attacked by the radical right. That report has gone back to committee with an undetermined timeline for re-release.

Often what has happened with regard to these studies on human sexuality has been a media campaign by the radical right within each of the denominations to defeat the report even before it is released and read by the local congregations. There is not much opportunity for dialogue and discussion because folks have their minds made up. Those who would deny such dialogue don't want to discuss issues of human sexuality. This is not a surprise. For centuries many faith communities have struggled to talk about the whole spectrum of human sexuality. Yet there have always been gay and lesbian clergy.

Denominations such as the Disciples of Christ, American Baptist, Mennonite Church of the Brethern, Southern Baptists have national policies but are autonomous and governed by local policy. Therefore, it is up to local congregations to make decisions regarding ordination. Yet these faith communities, along with the Jewish Orthodox, Reconstructionist and Conservative denominations, will not ordain out lesbigay persons as minister or rabbis. The Catholic Church's policy is that those ordained to pastoral leadership are to be celibate regardless of sexual orientation.

The only mainline Christian denomination whose policy is fully accepting and affirming of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons is the United Church of Christ (UCC). The UCC denomination has been on the forefront of full inclusion for the past 20 years. Yet, the reality is that there are very few out gay and lesbian clergy as parish pastors. In New Hampshire last year, a lesbian clergy woman was asked to leave her congregation once she came out to them.

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) was founded by the Rev. Troy Perry. It is a relatively new denomination which is fully inclusive of the lesbigay and transgendered community. MCC's membership is predominantly lesbigay and transgendered.

It is important to mention that there is some good news amidst the current denominational policies. Many people within faith communities are beginning to discuss these issues, particularly since the passage of Amendment 2. As more and more people come out within their local congregation, the issue becomes "personed" and therefore is actively debunking the misinformation and terrible stereotypes put forth by the radical right. There is a growing movement within a number of denominations where people are challenging denominational policy that excludes gay, lesbian and bisexual persons from congregational leadership. This challenge is evident through the election of openly gay, lesbian and bisexual persons to local congregational leadership.

Even though denominational policy often prohibits ordaining lesbigay and transgendered people to leadership positions, there are many who are ordained clergy and officers of the faith communities who are out. The Voices of Faith program is working hard to continue the dialogue where it has begun, to start the conversation, when possible, and to mobilize faith communities to continue to work for full inclusion and participation of the lesbigay and transgendered community. ∇

**CLAIMING THE SPIRIT: Uniting Faith, Rights & Sexuality**
**Conference MAY 4-6, 1995**
**Sponsored by Equality Colorado's Voices of Faith for Human Rights**

**This conference is the first of its kind in Colorado to address issues of faith, equal rights and human sexuality. Throughout history, faith communities have played an important role in bringing about justice for oppressed people. The *CLAIMING THE SPIRIT* conference seeks to reclaim that prophetic role of faith communities. The conference, to be held at Central Presbyterian Church in Denver, will empower people of faith to work for full inclusion of lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgendered people within communities of faith and for justice and equality for all.**

**The conference will feature influential speakers who are leaders in human rights movements, to include:**

**THE REV. JANE ADAMS SPAHR, a Presbyterian Lesbian Evangelist who travels across the country speaking about the full inclusion of lesbigay and trangendered person. Janie, as she is know to her friends, is a dynamic and engaging speaker. She was ordained by the United Presbyterian Church USA in 1973 and has inspired people of all traditions to speak the truth about their lives.**

**RABBI STEVEN FOSTER, the senior Rabbi of Congregation Emmanuel in Denver. Rabbi Foster is on the board of the ACLU and serves on the Denver Interfaith Clergy Council. He was an active leader in the fight against Amendment 2 in Colorado and served on the CO. Civil Rights Commission. He continues his work for equality and justice.**

**CAROLYNA SMILEY-MARQUEZ, Ph.D., the founder of Multicultural Mediators, providing mediation, conflict resolution, education and consultation. Her tricultural-trilingual, Pueblo-Hispanic background and her work in affirmative action provides a real life and unique perspective on issues of oppression and diversity.**

**THE REV.. LUCIA GUZMAN, the newly consecrated Executive Director of the Colorado Council of Churches. She is the first Hispanic and the first woman to ever hold this position. Ordained by the United Methodist Church, her ministry exemplifies her commitment to witness with the poor and oppressed.**

**MANDY CARTER, is one of the nation's leading African American lesbian activists and has worked in grassroots organizing over the past 27 years. She is the founding director of the National Call to Resist Campaign of the National Black Gay and lesbian Leadership Forum. Her work focuses on the "invasion" and exploitation of the African American churches and communities that are being targeted by radical right groups to enlist their support in the war of hatred and bigotry against gay and lesbian people via ballot initiatives.**

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Part Four of a Five Part Series

# HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE

by Samuel Dean Behrens

## *Jonathan Loved David*

**Special to Ground Zero News**

Saul knew perfectly well what kind of relationship existed between Jonathan and his son-in-law, David. It all came tumbling out in one of Saul's famous fits of rage when he cursed and denigrated Jonathan and his love for David. *"You son of a perverse (perverted) and rebellious woman* (she must have been promiscuous at the time of your conception because no son of mine would be the way you are!), *do not I know that you have chosen* (partnered, shared, intimately companioned with) *the son of Jesse* (David) *to your own shame and confusion, and* (I know you have partnered intimately with David) *to the shame and confusion of your mother's nakedness* (your mother's sexual relations, female sexuality).

Following the Greek Septuagint translation, the homosexual implications of this second insult was clear. I KNOW ABOUT YOUR INTIMATE PARTNERING WITH DAVID EVEN TO THE SHAME AND CONFUSION OF FEMALE SEXUALITY! *For as long as the son of Jesse (David) lives on the ground, you will not be established, nor your kingdom!* I Samuel 20:30-31. In other words, if you don't stop what you are doing with David, you will never have a kingdom! Saul's anti-matriarchal, bedouin blood had reached it's boiling point. Saul is deriding Jonathan's sexual liaison with David, given that the words "shame" and "nakedness" are common biblical ways of talking about sex. So, in contemporary terms, Saul's second insult is to call his son a faggot!

Saul was so angry that he hurled a spear at Jonathan to try to kill him! What was at stake here was the rivalry over the throne of Israel. Saul realized that if his son Jonathan continued his intimacy with David, he would never be the next king. This made Jonathan's death irrelevant to Saul, who, against God's expressed will, was trying to establish his own royal lineage.

At this point, the now enraged Jonathan left the palace for a secret rendezvous with David, where *"they kissed one another, and wept with one another, until David exceeded himself."* I Samuel 20:41. It is interesting to note that David did not seek to arrange any heart-wrenching and tearful farewell meeting with his wife, Jonathan's sister, before he went into political exile. Later, the extent of David's love for Jonathan was expressed in his lament at learning of the death of his brother-in-law. *"I grieve and am distressed for you, Jonathan my brother; very pleasant have you been to me* (you were very dear to me). *Your love for me was wonderful, surpassing (more wonderful than) the love of women."* II Samuel 1:26-27. David and Saul both knew how much and to what extent Jonathan had loved David.

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## A MESSAGE FROM REV. MORI ROST
Pastor
The Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church

"For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Sovereign Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with Jesus Christ." —1 Thessalonians 5:9,10.

For so long we have been told about the wrath of God. We've been told that God hates who we are and will one day destroy us. "Christian" organizations have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the sole purpose of putting forth their oppressive agenda of anti-gay rhetoric. Coloradans for Family Values, the organization that funded the passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado, has recently raised over $400,000 to give to a group in Ohio to finance their grass roots campaign to oppress lesbians and gays and deny them their right to civil liberty.

It is no wonder then, that we, as lesbian and gay Christians are so fine-tuned to the potential wrath of God. We have been taught to see trials and tragedies as acts of God's wrath against us. I can still remember the "Christian" woman who came up to my lesbian sister and her life partner at the funeral of their three month old son who died of SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome). With all the self-righteousness she could muster she told my sister that Zachary died because of her "sinful" lifestyle.

Currently in Topeka, Kansas Fred Phelps, a minister of an independent "Christian" church, has been making headlines by picketing the funerals of gay men who have died of AIDS. He and his followers carry signs that proclaim "God hates faggots" and using bullhorns they disrupt the funeral services, compounding the grief the mourners already feel.

But this is not of God. The above Scripture lesson tells us very clearly that we are no longer in the night. As children of God we walk in the light of Christ's love. God has not destined us for wrath but for salvation through our Sovereign Jesus Christ.

We need not fear God or the appearing of Jesus Christ because we have been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb. Our salvation comes not from forced heterosexuality or any other work we can do. Our salvation comes as a free gift of God our Heavenly Parent through Jesus Christ "who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep, we might live with Jesus Christ."

That is the glorious hope we have. Satan, the author of lies, would try to tell us that God doesn't love us and that we are doomed. But those are lies and we don't have to believe them any longer. We no longer walk in the night but we are "children of light and children of the day."

My prayer is that this truth will permeate into your very being so that you will know with a certainty that as a Christian, you are a child of God, a child of Light, and that whether you wake or sleep, you LIVE with Jesus Christ. ∇

## "LESBIANS IN COLORADO" ON STATEWIDE TREK

BY JULIE COOER-

*LinC*, the new acronym for *Lesbians in Colorado*, newspaper has recently changed hands and direction. In an effort to make LinC a statewide newspaper, two members of the publishing/editing staff, Karla Myles and Kate Bzik, packed their car and began a two-week journey that would take them to communities around the state. They will be meeting with local newsletter and publication staffs to make connections, set up *LinC* bases and expand to distribution sites. Their first stop, Colorado Springs.

Karla and Kate met with *GZ NEWS* and *New Phazes* staff members on March 18 to begin dialogue with the Colorado Springs community and look for ways to incorporate Colorado Springs into their news and information base.

"When I first looked at *LinC* (after she bought it) I thought, 'this is a Denver paper,'" Karla told GZ. True enough, there were some articles that pertained to lesbians everywhere, but the focus of the entertainment, advertising, personalities and business sections were from or directed at Denver-metro area. "That's going to change," Karla said.

And that's the mission of this state-wide trip. *LinC* plans to set up local editors who will keep Denver *LinC* abreast of local news and activities and write for LinC in the local language. They also plan to incorporate state-wide advertising and entertainment.

Ground Zero is proud be a distribution point for *LinC*, and possibly an editorial contributor. If anyone is interested in the local editor position, please call Karla or Kate at (303) 477-6421.

# THE CHRISTIAN COALITION

"The mission of the Christian Coalition is simple," says Pat Robertson, the organization's president and founder. It is "to mobilize Christians—one precinct at a time—until once again we are the head and not the tail, and at the top rather than the bottom of our political system." Robertson predicts that "the Christian Coalition will be the most powerful political force in America by the end of this decade." And, "We have enough votes to run this country...and when the people say, 'We've had enough,' we're going to take over!"

Founded in 1989, the Christian Coalition boasts over 1425 chapters and 1.5 million donors and supporters—including a surge of 800,000 over the past three months. Those figures, however, appear to be inflated and actual membership is probably well under 500,000 members. Nonetheless, the Christian Coalition is one of the most influential of all the Christian Right groups.

The Coalition's 1995 budget is approximately $20 million. The Coalition operates as a 501(c)(4) org. and cannot legally endorse or oppose candidates. While it is not required to pay taxes, contributions to the group are not tax-deductible.

The Christian Coalition claims full-time staff members in 25 states and50,000+ precinct leaders and 25,000 church liaison leaders. The full-time staff members are either volunteers or paid through funds raised by the respective state coalitions.

Marion Gordon "Pat" Robertson, 65, a former Baptist minister, and founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) and "The 700 Club," is the president of the Christian Coalition. Ralph Reed Jr., age 35, is the executive director. D.J. Gribbin is the national field director.

The Coalition's board of directors is comprised of Pat Robertson, his son Gordon P. Robertson (secretary/treasurer), Dick Winehold (Texas Christian Coalition state director), and the Rev. Billy McCormack (Louisiana Christian Coalition state director).

Since November 1991, the Coalition's annual Road to Victory (RTV) strategy conventions have drawn delegates from every state. The first two RTVs were held in Va.Beach. About 800 attended the first RTV and about 1,500 attended RTV-2 in Sept. of 1992. In 1993, RTV was moved to Washington, DC, where about 2,800 delegates attended. About 3,200 delegates attended the September 1994 conference.

The RTV conferences are followed up with state and local leadership schools. These political seminars instruct Coalition members on "how to start a chapter, how to fundraise for your candidate, how to be a candidate, and how to canvass your voters." The leadership schools also cover handling the media. To date, over 1,700 leadership schools have been held around the nation.

The Coalition continues to form chapters and organize activists on the local level through its leadership schools. The Coalition becomes involved in local, statewide and regional skirmishes. The Coalition conducts voter ID surveys, and publishes voter guides for elections ranging from school board races to national elections.

Precinct workers organize within voting precincts. The Coalition is working toward establishing ten trained activists in each of America's approximately 175,000 precincts.

Church liaison organizers establish the link between individual churches and the local Christian Coalition chapter. They keep the local church informed about the Coalition's position on local, state and national issues and concerns.

On the third Tuesday of each month, "Christian Coalition Live" conducts a live meeting via satellite with chapters throughout the country. While the first part of the meeting can be picked up by anyone with a dish, a later, closed session is available to chapters which have received special instructions.

There are several membership categories within the Christian Coalition. All members receive the *Christian American* tabloid, which publishes nine times a year. Members also receive *Religious Rights Watch*, a newsletter which purports to document incidents of anti-Christian bigotry.

Right friendly: Reed, Robertson and North at Christian Coalition meeting

Although the Christian Coalition claims 1.5 million members, a statement which appeared in the November/December issue of the *Christian American* said otherwise. According to the official statement, which is required by the U.S. Postal Service for second-class publications, the paid circulation for the September 1994 issue was only 353,703.

While this is consistent with the Coalition's public declarations, it is inconsistent with Coalition tactics. At the 1993 Road to Victory convention, Dr. Max Karrer, Christian Coalition director for North Florida, led a strategy workshop.

"The thing I want to say about building up a Christian data voter base [sic] is that political candidates, or politicians, only understand two things, and that's money and votes," Karrer said. "And if they think you control a lot of votes, you suddenly become very powerful in their eyes.

"Politicians in our section think we have a bigger data voter base [sic] than we do. But we don't change that perception; we don't tell them. They come to us now. When someone wants to run for office, they come to Christian Coalition; they want to talk to us. It gives you—and not just for elections—it gives you tremendous lobbying power with the legislator, because they think you have this huge block of voters that you can swing—though you can't necessarily."

The Coalition can sway elections and referendums. When Senator Jesse Helms was behind in the polls in 1990, he contacted Pat Robertson. On the Sunday before the Tuesday election, the North Carolina Christian Coalition distributed 750,000 voter guides in church bulletins and church parking lots for Helms.

Helms won reelection by a narrow margin. The Christian Coalition takes credit for Helms' come-from-behind victory. "The press had no idea what we were doing," said North Carolina State director Judy Haynes, "and they still don't know what we did. But it worked."

In the 1992 national elections, the Coalition distributed 40 million voter guides. Forty-one percent of the congressional candidates who received a 100% rating from the Coalition's voter guide won.

That year in Iowa, the Coalition distributed 600,000 voter guides, and made 45,000 phone calls, urging voters to reject the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The amendment lost, 53 to 48 percent.

In the spring of 1993, the Christian Coalition formed an alliance with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York in the New York City school board election. Working together, they distributed as many as 500,000 voter guides, primarily through churches.

According to the Christian Coalition, "63% of pro-family candidates won seats in the largest and most liberal school district in America." While the Coalition had some affect on the New York school board race—several conservatives won seats—their overall effect is probably exaggerated. Nevertheless, a Robertson political advance of any sort was a shocker for NYC

In the 1994 national elections, the Coalition distributed about 34 million voter guides. Of the candidates receiving a 100% rating by the Christian Coalition, 60% won. This included 44 representatives, eight senators, and seven governors. With approximately one-third—or 24 million out of 75 million—of the voters identifying themselves as "born-again," 17 million voted Republican.

Many Christian Coalition activists anticipated backing former vice president Dan Quayle for president in 1996. After Quayle suddenly announced that he was not running, Coalition communications director Mike Russell told *The Freedom Writer*, "We will determine who the Republican nominee will be." Russell said that any Republican seeking the nomination will have to win the favor of the Christian Coalition in order to win, as it will be the deciding factor.

The Christian Coalition is riddled with Christian reconstructionists, private militia members, fanatical anti-abortionists, and other radicals. One of Ralph Reed's biggest problems is keeping these factions together.

Meanwhile, opposition to the Coalition is dramatically increasing at all levels, as national and local organizations unravel the Christian Right's stealth tactics and understand its political agenda. Published reports indicate that the IRS is investigating the Christian Coalition's provisional 501(c)(4) tax status because of its alleged partisan political activities.

The Coalition is also scrambling to recover from the damage of its own excesses. Published accounts of Coalition director Billy McCormack's ties to ex-Klansman, ex-Nazi David Duke, and the Coalition's nearly all-white national conferences, have raised questions about the character of the organization. Similarly, the frequent use of violent and military metaphors by Coalition leaders describing routine politics have been unsettling even to supporters.

The Coalition's takeover tactics in the GOP have outraged many party regulars. Particularly the now-notorious Pennsylvania Christian Coalition's "County Action Plan" manual, which advocated infiltration tactics, including the advice to "never mention the name Christian Coalition in Republican circles."

Despite these troubles, the Christian Coalition is well-organized, well-funded, high-tech, and staffed by educated, skilled, and dedicated personnel. By carefully building the organization from the bottom up, the Coalition will likely continue to affect local and national politics for years to come.

## Current Concerns

The Christian Coalition is currently opposing the nomination of Dr. Henry W. Foster Jr. for Surgeon General. The Coalition has distributed form letters to aid its members in sending letters to their representatives in Washington.

**The Coalition budgeted $1 million for passing Newt Gingrich's Contract with America. In January, its 50 state directors descended on Washington to lobby Congress. The Coalition is using phone trees, fax networks, satellite TV, computerized bulletin boards, talk radio, and direct mail to mobilize its members.**

To "strengthen families," the Christian Coalition wants to outlaw no-fault divorce.

**Ralph Reed recently said, "Our top legislative priority at the Christian Coalition is to abolish the Department of Education or downgrade it to agency level."**

The Christian Coalition is taking over the Republican Party from the inside, through the Republican National Committee. In 1996, it will exert its strength in trying to keep an anti-abortion plank in the Republican platform. If the Republican presidential and vice-presidential candidate are not anti-abortion, the Christian Coalition may join with other religious right groups to support a third national party.

**According to the "America at a Crossroads" video, the Christian Coalition plans to "elect majorities in the U.S. Congress and the legislatures in at least thirty states, as well as the school boards, and other local bodies...[and] build strong organizations in every state and congressional district in America."**

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# NEW BOOK ON HOMOSEXUALITY FROM FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

# SAME OLD WOLF OUTFITTED IN NEW SHEEP'S CLOTHING

BY FRANKLIN WHITWORTH

Focus on the Family has issued a replacement for its much rejected and criticized book, THE HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA, WHAT YOU CAN DO. Just as its counterpart became the basis (the bible if you will) of the anti-gay movement in the early nineties to the present, the new version, THE SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF HOMOSEXUALITY: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, by Larry Burtoft, Ph.D. (Focus on the Family, Policy Division, Colorado Springs, 1994), is destined to set the new tone of the anti-gay effort of Dr. James Dobson, Focus on the Family and the entire anti-gay movement.

Responding to the criticisms of the unprofessional, unethical and unsupported nature of the first work, largely based on the findings and studies of the disreputable Paul Cameron, Burtoft's version tries to be ever so scientific. He even admits to the possibility that some "heterosexuals" may do some of the things that **all** "homosexuals" **all do**; he even admits that not all homosexuals are bad; he comes close to accepting the premise that homosexuality and homosexual behavior, as he sees it, may not be the same thing and he even indicates that there may be some, though not significant, biological basis to homosexuality (relegated, however, to the same level as alcoholism and a propensity for violence and pedophilia.)

Burtoft totally loses any pretense of objectivity as the study progresses, however, and if it was not apparent that the entire study was done to support and give justification to the Dobson agenda of anti-gay activities, it certainly becomes completely apparent by the time one enters into the second chapter. This is an ideologically inspired document designed to support dogma, not necessarily the truth or fact, though it uses some degree of both on occasions to give credence to its points.

Of special interest is the treatment of lesbians and lesbianism. Burtoft largely dismisses lesbians from this work, saying that there are much fewer of them and they have far fewer sexual partners to be of concern. Other than the fact that his perception of how many lesbians there are is deeply flawed, one wonders what this might have to do with heterosexual man's more general acceptance of lesbianism. It is general knowledge that, indeed, many heterosexual men fantasize and obsess on lesbians. Novels and magazines that portray lesbianism, and especially acts of lesbian sexuality that heterosexual men are permitted to watch or be a part of, are a mainstay of the heterosexual porn world. Additonally, two women together do not threaten the macho or masculine image men have of themselves as do two men together. Burtoft's work, like its predecessors and most other studies that address the subject of homosexuality produced by the radical right, is almost entirely related to the male homosexual.

While the work barely references Cameron, much of its contents are still based on his truly homophobic and, yes, heterosexist views and studies, most of which have been rejected by most of the reputable scientific world. Still present are Cameron's scurrilous statistics on how many times gays have sex, what types of sex gays have, how diseased gays are, how many times gays partake in fisting, how much feces gays eat, how pedophiliac gays are, how depraved gays are and how rejected, dejected and unhappy gays are.

There is nothing new to be found in this work other than its cleverly designed approach intended to give one the feeling and belief that herein we have really found a great scientific and balanced work when, in fact, we have found nothing of the sort.

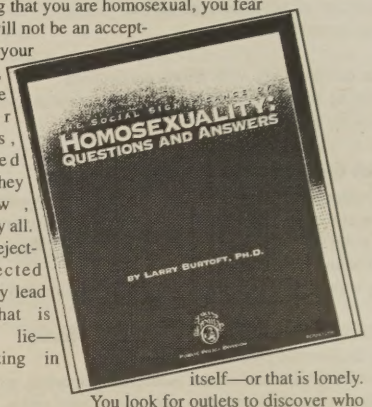
I have twenty some pages of typed notes through the end of chapter two, which is roughly half way. I had intended to refute point by point the entire book, and that may yet come. As a community, we have done it time and time again on an issue by issue level but I am moved at this time, rather, to point out the fatal flaw in Burtoft's meanderings—the fatal flaw in his approach—which is a cleverly hidden total rejection and demonization of homosexuality and homosexuals.

I need to make clear that, because Burtoft ignores lesbians and his points are made about gay men, my viewpoint from here out is from that perspective. It would be advantageous if a lesbian would take pen in hand and present a study from the side of lesbianism, relating that to the falacies of the Burtoft work. *GZN* would certainly be interested in considering such an article.

Mr. Burtoft misses one very clear factor—the seeking of the causal factor of those things that concern him about homosexual behavior as he sees it. For the most part, homosexuals grow up denounced—not allowed role models, not allowed to talk about their feelings—feeling rejected and totally afraid to discuss or explore in anyway their homosexuality. Essentially everything they see is opposed to that which they have come to or are coming to realize as what they are. If Mr. Burtoft will forgive me for using the word "normal," a word to which he devotes considerable semantic exploration, it is exactly what homosexuals are denied. They are denied any semblance of a normal developmental sex awareness that most of their heterosexual counterparts are allowed.

Imagine that you grow up thinking you are the only one in the world—a person hated, ridiculed, despised. Secretly, you are forced to take to a fantasy world to try to find identity and meaning. Alone, you begin to obsess on what your behavior should be as dictated by the popular views of what you are. You devalue yourself—society has succeeded in reducing you to a sexually perverse being even before you have had your first sexual experience.

Knowing that you are homosexual, you fear that you will not be an accepted part of your family, not like your friends, unwanted and, if they knew, unloved by all. You are rejected—dejected and largely lead a life that is either a lie—demoralizing in itself—or that is lonely.




You look for outlets to discover who you are. Often, these come from porn (being denied literature with positive gay role models)—not the role model you need for a "normal" development. Your fantasies expand and, perhaps, become more prurient. You may begin to think yourself unloved, unwanted, diseased and hated; you may be suicidal and anti-social.

Then it happens. You either have accidentally walked into a gay bar (one of the few outlets allowed to you) or, even more phenomenally, gotten enough courage to seek one out. You discover you are not the only one!!!! There are perhaps hundreds like you in just that one bar. Not unlike many kids when they get out on their own in their teens, you, no matter how old you are, go a "little crazy" with this new found understanding and freedom.

Who, however, are your fellow travelers? In a gay bar (and not everyone comes out in a gay bar but it is a good example of the process forced on gays) they can be of any age, any social background and at any stage of development.

They are for the most part in fact on the same journey as you—perhaps further along—perhaps further back. They have been brought up with the same lack of role models and misguided beliefs that you have. They have read the same porn—fantasized the same fantasies based on the same models and expectations. They may enter into a worldwind of partying and, only having the examples found in porn and books like this Burtoft book, sex—as much sex as they can get, having been taught by the only examples allowed them and having been led to believe that this is what they should do to be accepted. And acceptance is important. The other alternative, they fear, is the same rejection from their new friends they have felt all of their lives.

It takes many of us a long time to find a way out of this routine. Most of us do (the how of this is perhaps the subject of a future article)—a few do not—stuck for a lifetime in a debilitating fantasy.

Burtoft's whole study fails on this one factor. Even if everything he says about homosexuals were true about every homosexual, and it is far from the truth, it is his very action and the action of a society driven by the same lack of understanding as his, that would cause this behavior in some by not allowing homosexual children to develop with pride in themselves, to have the knowledge that they are loved, the belief that while differing in their sexuality, they have worth and that they are a valued part of society. Being denied role models, being denied counseling, being denied acceptance, being denied "normal" development of what they are sets up the scenario for what they will become. How can they be expected to be anything but "counter" cultural.

Yet, the overwhelming majority of gays manage to navigate through or around this period in their lives and to establish themselves as viable and valuable members of society. (The February 1995 issue of *Ground Zero News* lists hundreds of well-known gays throughout history and some who are alive today, including Peter Tchaikovsky, David Kopay, Martina Navratilova, James Dean, Margarethe Cammermeyer, James Baldwin, Babe Zaharias, Aaron Copland, etc., etc.)

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It is apparent in his entire study that Burtoft cannot accept the fact that most of us who are gay know, in one form or other--that we are gay from our earliest memories. Whether it is biological, social, psychological, genetic, etc., etc., and whether there is one-tenth of one percent or 99% of gays in the general population, this is an empirical fact.

Just as one cannot stop abortions by making them illegal, stop people from being unfaithful by making adultery illegal, stop people from drinking alcohol by prohibition, make white supremacists unbigotted by passing civil rights laws, stop murder by executions, make people become Christians by making the nation a Christian nation, make people speak English with English Only Laws, stop heterosexuals from sodomizing each other with law, make people be happy in marriages by outlawing divorce, one cannot change homosexual behavior by vilifying and dehumanizing homosexuals.

There will always be homosexuals. If one truly believes that homosexual values are misguided or that their behavior is self-destructive and damaging to society—then establish avenues along which they can have a more "normal" development, with role models and non-judgmental counseling with a feeling of self-worth and a knowledge that they are not the hated—but rather the loved; not condemned by family and friends— but welcome and accepted. Give them the advantage of role models in literature, etc., that are not of the type they now are allowed to see.

One will never eliminate homosexuality (Kevin Tebedo's stated goal)—no matter what one pre-judges to be the cause or justification. Historically one is condemned to failure if oppression and elimination is the goal. Nor is one going to eliminate what homosexuals do!!! One could, however, possibly affect the development of homosexuals, give them a value system that would lead to a healthier approach to their sexuality; a value system that would lead to more monogamous attitudes and a value system that would give them a reason to believe in themselves.

There is one other factor of which Mr. Burtoft needs to be aware. Historically, whichever route one takes, the number of homosexuals will be relatively the same. Societies that oppress homosexuals have just as many homosexuals among them as those that are more accepting. The difference: one has a homosexual population that is based on rejection, hate and self-hate; potentially driven to countercultural behavior; the other has the potential of a homosexual population that has been allowed to develop in a more "normal" fashion, involved in the society of which it is a part. Which is better? Which is preferable? Which would the teacher, "Jesus," have chosen?

If the reduction of disease, the well-being of society, the happiness of homosexuals and the moral values of the nation are truly the driving concern, the views developed in studies such as Dr. Butoft's need to give over to the seeking of an understanding of why homosexual behavior is reprehensible (to him), why homosexuals are sexually promiscuous (in his opinion), why homosexuals are unhappy (in his view) and why homosexuals are psychologically damaged (according to him.)

At the root will be found society's rejection of homosexuality and the rhetoric of hate, exclusion, vilification and dehumanization that promotes this rejection. Accepting that homosexual sexual preference will always be what it is, helping to develop a healthier, happier, better adjusted, socially more responsive homosexual should be the goal.

Taking this approach does not mandate acceptance of homosexuality as a religious matter. It does not require the acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle as one of which you approve. It is, however, the Christian way to approach the issue. *Author's note: Dr. Burtoft's book is available from Focus on the Family for $10. I don't really recommend that you buy it. Any money you spend on it will likely go into coffers feeding this politically driven and motivated "religious" mega-empire. They admit to income well over $100,000,000, tax free. We don't need to further fund their activities designed to eliminate us from viable participation in government and society through vilification, dehumanization and segregation. Borrow a copy from someone who has already made the mistake of buying one. You could borrow mine but I suspect it will be a long line you'll have to wait in to get it. I do believe that this document will be the guide that all anti-gay movements will use in the future—an approach that is designed to appear less hateful and more reasoned. It is this very design that makes it more insidious and more dangerous because it is, in essence, no different than its predecessors.*

*I also want to point out that no attempt is made to identify anything about Larry Burtoft, Ph.D. other than his name and title on the cover, leading one to wonder what his background is, what school issued his degree, what his qualifications are and what his ideological bias may be or is. In a check of dozens of library catalogues across the country, enumerable biographical listings, dozens of magazine indexes, and the like:, I was only able to find one article credited to a Larry Burtoft, being in a 1988 issue of* ***Christianity Today,*** *and being inconsequential to this subject.*

A Report from a NORTHWEST COALITION AGAINST MALICIOUS HARASSMENT Meeting

# Observations on the Rapid Increase of Militia Activity

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Responding to an invitation from the NWCAMH, 25 researchers, community organizers and representatives in the Northwest and around the country came together in Issaquah, WA for two days of dialogue about militias. All present were concerned about the rapid increase in militia activity, the potential for violence, and the ideology underlying the militia movement.

While militias are showing up in a variety of forms, they can generally be described as organized groups of people, often at the county level, that study and train with weapons to "defend" themselves against what they perceive to be the enemy. FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THIS CONFERENCE.

## OBSERVATIONS ABOUT MILITIAS

- Militias are forming and conducting weapons training in many areas of the Northwest and the country.
- People are being drawn to militias around a number of issues including gun control, anti-government sentiment, property rights, and various conspiracy theories.
- In many locales there is a growing "pre-militia" atmosphere of discontent and unrest.
- Some militias have ties with organized white supremacist organizations.
- Some militias have ties with the religious right.
- Some of the violence around abortion clinics has been tied to people with militia connections.
- Wise Use, property rights groups, and militias are forming around the same issues and in some case involve the same people
- Anti-government sentiment is a major driving force of the militia movement.

## IMPLICATIONS OF MILITIA ACTIVITY

- Violence has already taken place in connection with militias; there is every reason to expect the violence to increase.
- The militia movement is predominantly an expression of the Christian Patriot segment of white supremacy. While some individual members of militias are not racists, the militia movement is built on and promotes ideas that deny basic rights and create second class citizenship for people with whom they disagree.
- Many of the militia movement's themes are rooted in white supremacist state's rights arguments and historic anti-Semitic conspiracy theories.
- People are turning to militias because they have real and deep fears for themselves and the county.
- Militia organizers are manipulating these fears and grievances by pointing to scapegoats: federal officials and law enforcement officers, minority groups and Jewish institutions, abortion providers and pro-choice supporters, environmentalists and conservation activists, gay/lesbian rights organizers, immigrants, and welfare recipients.
- The militia movement claims to be a "people" movement, but thwarts the democratic process by intimidation and the threat of violence, such as the disruption of public meetings and the intimidation of public officials with guns.
- As the militia movement organizes around mainstream issues such as gun control, it is no longer productive to simply tag members as racist. The discussion must go to the issues and the ideology behind the rhetoric and activity which denies basic human rights.

## A MESSAGE FROM BILL WASSMUTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NWCAMH

I think we all learned a great deal from that [militia] meeting; the highpoints are covered in the summary. I had hoped that we could focus attention just on those militia groups with known white supremacist involvement, and indeed these groups merit serious attention on our part. As Morris Dees [Southern Poverty Law Center] stated in his letter to Attorney General Reno, "the mixture of armed groups with those who hate is a recipe for disaster."

Beyond that obvious threat to human rights posed by people with direct involvement in supremacist organizations, there appears to be another threat. The ideology that is behind the militia movement is one that continues the oppression of people. It is an ideology that is built on old white supremacist states rights arguments, historic anti-Semitic conspiracy theories and constitutionalist multiple citizenship levels. And at a time when unity is important to address the many issues facing society, the militia ideology is based on setting individuals and groups up against each other.

Hopefully, more thorough analysis of the ideology underlying the militias will develop soon. Certainly not everyone joining militias is an adherent to the basic ideology. But individuals who object to being labeled as racists, can be a part of a movement that is as a matter of fact based on an ideology that will deny equal rights, and that will ultimately divide our society even more. *(NWCAMH is a member organizaition and may be addressed at P. O. Box 16776, Seattle Washington 98116, (206) 233-9136, FAX: (206) 233-0611, E-MIaiL ADDRESS; NCAMH@aol.com.)*

# INSIDE/OUT

The Inside/Out gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or those questioning their sexuality, youth group is in need of another youth worker. Our Group has grown over the past few years and, as with any growth, needs change. Last year we began a recreational program with the help of a new volunteer. This year we need someone who would volunteer about three hours a week networking with other youth workers, attending meetings, assisting in fundraising, and, if possible, also assisting in recreational activities. No experience is necessary but an interest in working towards providing the best care possible for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered youth is necessary.

## *Thank You*

In the last issue, we thanked several attorneys who helped in setting up The Center. We left out Susan Grant, whose assistance was invaluable. Thanks Susan!!!

# S-CAP UPDATE

## CLIENT SERVICE PROGRAMS EXPANDING

The Southern Colorado AIDS Project, along with several other agencies, recently received word of Ryan White C.A.R.E. Act Funding. Numerous direct assistance programs have been expanded to assist people living with HIV/AIDS. These programs are all based on need and can be accessed through any of the S-CAP case managers. Listed below are brief highlights for Ryan White Funded programs available. Please check with one of the case managers for more detailed information.

***TRANSPORTATION:*** Designed to provide basic support to individuals to insure access to medical and social support. This includes the distribution of city bus passes, intra-state travel, vouchers and volunteer assistance.

***FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:*** Designed to assist with critical HIV related personal needs. Assistance is available to eligible individuals for: utility assistance, rent, housing, medications, insurance premium payments, etc.

***FOOD BANK:*** Provide to people living with AIDS. Emergency food is available daily. A "store" is set up on a monthly basis to allow people to choose personal items. Prepared delivered meals are also available after a hospitalization or personal need.

***MEDICAL VOUCHERS:*** Provision of office visits and specialized health services focusing on the prevention of illness and the ongoing management of chronic conditions and acute health problems.

***OPTICAL SUPPORT:*** Financial assistance with eye exams and related expenses.

***DENTAL SUPPORT:*** Financial assistance for therapeutic services rendered by a dentist. (Free screening and maintenance with a Dental Hygienist. Fluoride and mouth moisturizer and limited prescriptions available to qualified clients.

***HOUSING ASSISTANCE:*** Rent subsidy programs; emergency rent and housing assistance.

***HIV NURSE*** In collaboration with the El Paso County Health Department, an HIV nurse maintains regular office hours at the Colorado Springs S-CAP office. The nurse can assist people living with HIV in numerous ways to include some laboratory work.

Additional agencies supported by Ryan White include: El Paso County Health Department; Pikes Peak Hospice; Visiting Nurses Association; S.E.T. of Colorado Springs; Memorial Hospital Cancer Center (Dental Assistance).

Additional programs and services are available to people living with HIV and their families/support networks. For more information please call the S-CAP office in your community.

## Common Decency Coalition Activities

**Grand Junction CO March 26, 1995** — The Common Decency Coalition of Grand Junction and the Mesa State College Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance will present and Phillips in concert on Saturday, May 6, 1995 at the Walter Walker Fine Arts Center on the Mesa State College Campus. The concert will start at 8:00 PM. Tickers are $10 in advance ($8.00 for students) or $12 at the door.

A weekend of events is planed, with a pizza party on Friday Night, May 5, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings and a barbecue on Saturday afternoon. The entire package, including the concert, is $25 ($20 in advance for students).

For information or to order tickets, contact:

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(303) 242-8949

The Mesa State College Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance
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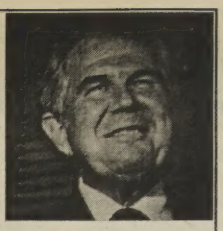
# Pat Robertson's Empire



Pat Robertson has a mammoth media, educational, and legal empire with an estimated value of a billion dollars. These enterprises work hand in hand to further Robertson's agenda.

Robertson's message is carried daily on the "700 Club" talk/news program, via his (now private, for profit) Family Channel, broadcast on almost 10,000 cable systems and reaching some 59 million homes.

The Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), producer of the "700 Club," was founded in 1977. The network changed its name to the Family Channel in 1989. To protect the tax-exempt status of CBN, Pat Robertson and his son Tim, 40, spun off the Family Channel in 1990, legally separating it from CBN. In 1992, the Robertsons began selling shares of stock for the Family Channel, which will result in a payoff of over $50 million for CBN. The Robertsons, who also own a block of stock, will likely accrue millions in profits.

Robertson also runs Standard News, a secular news bureau working in tandem with Reuters, which is aired on more than 400 radio stations. A different version of Standard News is distributed to Christian stations.

Regent University, founded by Robertson, has on its sprawling campus a journalism school and law school. Regent receives funding from Coors Beer through the Coors Foundation.

The American Center for Law & Justice (ACLJ) is a legal advocacy group founded to aggressively promote the Christian Right agenda through the courts. The ACLJ is Pat Robertson's response to the ACLU.

"Someone has *got* to stop the ACLU in court," Robertson said. "And that's exactly what we are going to do at the American Center for Law and Justice. Our attorneys are defending Christians in courtrooms all across America."

The ACLJ is headed by Keith Fournier, Esq. Jay Sekulow, Esq., serves as its general counsel. The ACLJ absorbed Concerned Women for America's legal staff when CWA disbanded that aspect of its work.

Sekulow boasts of having SWAT teams, which he defines as "spiritual warfare assault teams," to defend religious liberty and fight anti-Christian bigotry.

Using leased and chartered jets, lawyers from the ACLJ's Virginia Beach headquarters leave at a moment's notice to defend its agenda anywhere in the nation.

The ACLJ is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public-interest law firm and educational organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.

The ACLJ's main office occupies the fourth floor of Regent University in Virginia Beach. There are regional offices in Atlanta, Mobile, Phoenix, Nashville, and New Hope, Kentucky (a suburb of Louisville—this office handles most if the ACLJ's anti-abortion cases), as well as a legislative office in Washington, DC.

According to the Rev. Paul Chaim Schenck, chief operations officer, the ACLJ staff includes 17 full time lawyers and more than 500 affiliated lawyers. (Paul Schenck, well-known for his anti-abortion activities, joined the ACLJ last year. He told *The Freedom Writer* that at the ACLJ they like to call him by his middle name, Chaim.)

**QUOTABLE QUOTES** "The feminist agenda is not about equal rights for women. It is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbians."

—Pat Robertson

"The Constitution of the United States, for instance, is a marvelous document for self-government by Christian people. But the minute you turn the document into the hands of non-Christian people and atheistic people they can use it to destroy the very foundation of our society. And that's what's been happening."

—Pat Robertson

## 200 YEARS

BY FRANKLIN WHITWORTH

In a clearly political collage of statements run continually on Christian Broadcasting Network as an ad defending the radical right and its agenda, Pat Robertson states that "as a nation, we observed these principles for two hundred years and this is what made our nation great."

**Let's analyze these principles:**

Endorsement of slavery
Segregation
Exploitation of child labor
Exploitation of the laboring class, accruing all above subsistence wages, and less, to the "ruling" business class representing less than 2% of the popul tion.
Caste-like Indentured Servitude
Less than full citizenship for women
Colonialism
Full citizenship for only white, Christian, heterosexual males, including the right to vote (white supremacism)
Anti-semitism
Exploitation and near genocidal policies toward native cultures
American business allowed to use near slave labor to build railroads
Migrant farmers exploited and held in indenttured servitude
Disgracing and shunning of illegitimate children
Destruction of the environment/deforestation of America
Destruction of Plant and Animal Life
Tacit approval of child and spousal abuse.

ARE THESE TRULY WHAT MADE US GREAT? Or is it that having built America on the backs of the exploited masses, we finally have achieved greatness by beginning to move toward equality, respect for diversity and tolerance, *all anathema to the radical right.* Stopping this is the Republican Congress' true contract with the radical right and a portion of corporate America that holds mega-profit over fairness. This gives them their political viability and support from the politicized fundamentalist movement that seeks a return to their version of past greatness. ∇

## RELIGIOUS RIGHT UPDATE

**A survey of recent activity**

**Clinic Fires in California**

San Luis Obispo, California—Violent attacks on reproductive health-care clinics around the country continue, despite increased security measures. Fires were reported at three California clinics in the first week of February alone.

A Planned Parenthood clinic was destroyed and two other clinics sustained minor damage. A fire caused $1,000 in damage to the Family Planning Associates Medical Group clinic in Ventura. Containers of a flammable substance were placed in a tire by the door and ignited. A similar fire was set at a Santa Barbara doctor's office where abortions are performed.

All three of the targeted clinics provided a range of health-care services and counseling in addition to abortions. Federal agents are in investigating.

**Creationists Invade New Hampshire**

Merrimac, New Hampshire—Creationist Duane Gish recently gave a presentation at Merrimac High School in response to a proposal that the school board give equal time to creationism. Gish is vice president of the California-based Institute for Creation Research.

Under the proposal, which was put forth by a Baptist minister, the board would adopt new science books in September. The new books would teach that creationism and evolution are both assumptions.

Last May, due to low voter turnout and stealth campaigning, conservative Christians gained a majority on the Merrimac school board. The winning candidates waged their campaigns by stressing a back-to-basics curriculum of reading, writing, and arithmetic. They also opposed condom distribution as part of the school's health program.

The new majority of conservative Christians on the board has imposed a daily "moment of silence" in the district's high school, middle school, and three elementary schools.

If the board passes the measure to teach creationism, state officials will not intervene. Ovide Lamontagne, chairman of the Sate Board of Education, said that he has no problem if the school uses the bible as "anecdotal evidence" to support the lessons.

State Senator George Lovejoy, the Republican chairman of the State Education Committee, supports creationism in the state's public schools. "I accept that as a bible-believing Christian, I say students should be taught both theories in school."

**Coalition Harbors Reconstructionists**

Vallecito, California- The February issue of Chalcedon Report, published by R.J. Rushdoony, the father of Christian reconstructionism, featured a review of *Politically Incorrect* by Ralph Reed. Christian reconstructionists, in their advocacy for Biblical rule over the whole of society, make the Christian Coalition look moderate by comparison.

"*Politically Incorrect* is an excellent study on exactly what is wrong with the Christian conservative movement," the review said. "Ralph Reed fails to get the point of reformation. It is only Biblical law which can sustain a society."

"The law of God," the review continues, "requires only two punishments for law breakers: restitution or execution. Abortion would be a capital crime and would be considered murder."

"Is there hope for the Christian Coalition?" the article asks. "Yes! Ralph Reed does not stand for all members of the Christian Coalition. Many of its leaders on the grass roots level are, in fact, reconstructionists. This is an organization not defined by the leaders at the top. It has many strengths as a decentralized organization."

Chalcedon Report predicted that Pat Robertson and Ralph Reed "will complete the journey out of the wilderness" and "enter the promised land"- that is, embrace the tenets of Christian reconstructionism.

**FEC Investigating Christian Coalition**

Columbia, South Carolina-- *Outlines*, a Columbia-based newspaper, reported that the Federal Election Commission (FEC), acting on a complaint from the Democratic National Committee, is investigating Christian Coalition chapters in 35 states.

Outlines reported that three members of the Coalitions South Carolina chapter have been called to a federal court to explain how the group operates, and that Roberta Combs, the South Carolina Christian Coalition state director, has been asked by the FEC to give the agency copies of financial records and written correspondence with political candidates.

The Democrats charge that the Coalition raises tax-exempt funds as a non-partisan organization, but backs only Republican candidates. The Democrats say the Christian Coalition should be forced to register as a political action committee, which would severely restrict the groups fundraising and spending activities.

Officials at the Christian Coalition's headquarters in Chesapeake, Virginia refused to discuss the issue, and FEC officials say they do not comment on, or even confirm, details about pending investigations.

(Source: *The Second Stone*, January/February 1995.)

**CEE Candidates Win in Texas**

Religious Right candidates have seized control of the Texas State Education Board, according to Bob Simonds of Citizens for Excellence in Education.

"Texas conservative CEE candidates have won a majority on the Texas State Education Board - eight to seven!" Simonds exulted. "Already they are preparing a repeal of the former acceptance of Goals 2000 money - rejecting the federal money trap for a take-over of Texas schools." Conservative control of public education in the state of Texas is a bad omen for education activists in other states. Due to it's large population, Texas often determines the content of textbooks, as publishers find it unprofitable to print varying editions for smaller states.

**Third Party for Religious Right?**

Colorado Springs, Colorado - In his January newsletter, Dr. James Dobson stunned Conservative Christians when he suggested supporting a third-party candidate. "If the Republicans fail to address the things that matter most, I believe a third party will coalesce around an emphatically pro-life candidate in '96," Dobson wrote.

"There are millions of voters who will look elsewhere for candidates if the party abandons the unborn child," Dobson continued. "I certainly will be among them."

Dobson wields tremendous clout with Focus on the Family's $150 million annual budget and daily talk show heard on more than 1,500 radio stations. His warning to the Republicans caused an enormous stir within the Religious Right.

Then Phyllis Schlafly, appearing on CNN's "Newsmaker Saturday," declared that "only a pro-life candidate will be nominated by the Republican convention."

"No one," Schlafly said, "will be qualified for even the vice president's slot without a clear denunciation of abortion."

Howard Phillips of the U.S. Taxpayers Party may benefit from the Religious Right's disillusionment with the Republican Party.

Phillips, raised Jewish, became a born-again Christian some years ago and now fully embraces the radical Religious Right. One third-party possibility is a Pat Buchanan-Howard Phillips ticket.

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Thanks to the "Freedom Writer for the Robertson Art. and the Update. (See P. 8).

# GLAAD

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
*Media Watch* by Al Kielwasser

## JENNY JONES, JOURNALISM & JABBERWOCKY

"Jabberwocky," says Lewis Carroll, is "meaningless writing." The term is an apt description for much of the so-called reporting on the recent murder of a gay man who appeared on the "Jenny Jones" talk show. As part of a "Secret Admirers" segment, Scott Amedure--a gay guest--revealed his attraction for another's guest (John Schmitz, reported to be heterosexual); three days later, Amedure was shot and killed by the "embarrassed" Schmitz.

Though the horrific murder was widely-reported, virtually none of the mainstream media mentioned the word "homophobia." Remarkably, the hate motivation behind the crime--known to all lesbians and gay men--went unreported. The press focused instead on the issue of whether or not TV talk shows have become "too trashy." As a result, these reports lacked any meaningful context for understanding the killing.

The major television networks (NBC, CBS, and ABC) emphasized the talk-show "sleaze" factor. Their news divisions failed to account for the homophobia--so endemic to our society--which should have been the story's lead. In fact, by focusing on whether or not Schmitz had been deceived or "abused" by "Jenny Jones" producers, the networks actually managed to portray the murderer as the victim!

The print media did an even worse job. The Associated Press report on the murder (March 11), written by Frazier Moore, also side-stepped homophobia. For Moore, the central issue was the morality of the talk show's producers. The article was written as if--contrary to logic--the murder resulted from the mere fact of the talk-show "deception." The likelihood of the crime, this AP reporter suggested, would have been the same whether Amedure had been a gay man or a straight woman.

The *New York Times* first reported the story in a small article on March 12th, which NEVER mentioned the words "gay" or "homophobia." On March 14th, *The Times* ran a front page article that made a brief reference to the murder itself, and then went onto questions of the integrity of talk shows in general.

The Reuters news syndicate began their story with this sentence: "Prosecutors" alleged Friday that a nationally syndicated talk show is partly to blame for a murder--committed by a male guest angered after being introduced on camera to a secret admirer who turned out to be another man,." The Reuters article then describes how the murderer--Schmitz--"kept his composure" during the taping, but was ultimately "shocked" and "unable to control his anger." Quoted extensively is Michigan prosecutor Richard Thompson, who not only "partly"--but FULLY--blames the murder "on the Jenny Jones Show (which) ambushed the defendant with humiliation." Nowhere in this article is any mention made of homophobia, and NOT ONE expert on lesbian/gay hate violence is quoted. In fact, not one openly lesbian or gay person is quoted by Reuters!

In every case, journalists completely missed the story. The story here, of course, isn't "Jenny Jones," or "guests' rights," or even talk-show "sleaze."

The story is hate. The story is homophobia. The story is, as Marion Riggs once wrote, "the queer blood that runs loose and wild along the curbsides of our streets in every city and town.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, lesbians and gay men are probably THE MOST FREQUENT victims of hate violence in this country. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reports that, in 1994 alone, at least 59 lesbian and gay individuals lost their lives in bias-motivated murders. It is unacceptable for the mainstream media to brush these similar facts aside. It is "unprofessional--and unconscionable--for journalists to ignore homophobia when reporting on the hate crimes committees against our community.

Contact you local network affiliates: ask these tv stations to cover the REAL STORY--now, and in the future. Also write to the Associated Press, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020, tel. 212-621-1500; Joseph Lelyveld, Executive Director, *The New York Times*, 229 W. 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036; Reuters America, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019, tel. 213-603-3401.

## WIDENING MADISON AVENUE

Writing for "Variety" (Bucking Pressure, TV AD Buyers Return to Adult Shows"), J. Max Robins reports: "One year after Madison Avenue gave thumbs down to lesbian lip locks, bare butts and bondage, advertisers are returning in droves to some of broadcast television's racier shows." According to Robins: "A year ago, advertiser pulled out of a 'Roseanne' episode-featuring the star kissing Mariel Hemingway in a gay [sic] bar. But last month, advertisers paid full market value for NBC'S telefilm 'Serving in Silence: The Margareth Cammermeyer Story,' based on the true story of an Army lesbian. In the film, Glenn Close shares a kiss with her significant other, Judy Davis."

"Meanwhile," Robins reports, "many companies now believe that complaints from far-right religious groups have had little effect on their business...While they are loathe to admit it publicly, there's a sense both at the networks and in the advertising community that the clout of pressure groups, such as the Rev. Donald Wildmon's American Family Association, is on the wane."

The news is encouraging, of course, since ad prices have often plummeted for so-called "controversial" (i.e., lesbian/gay/bisexual) television shows. If the trend persists, it will no longer take "courage" but simply good business sense to advertise on programs with lesbian, gay or bisexual themes. "Advertisers' tolerance has increased because many of the adult shows are ratings and critical hits," said Robins. "The mores of the country have changed and advertisers have begun to recognize it," adds Bill Croasdale of Western International Media.

Certainly Madison Avenue's broadening consciousness has much to do with consumer response. It is vital that lesbians and gays let companies know that they appreciate (or resent) sponsorship of particular broadcasts. For too long, that strategy has been left wholly to the "religious right." Unfortunately, however, Robins' article examines only the waning influence of homophobes. He fails to report on the rising effectiveness of lesbian/gay media watchdogs.

Robins' blanket characterization of lesbian/gay programs as "racy" fare is often off the mark. Still, he succeeds in pointing out some important ground that has yet to be broken. "Gay characters are now common in prime time, but they don't get to bed-hop like their straight counterparts,"

Well, "common" is hardly accurate (perhaps "less scarce"?). And, in fact, mainstream television does not simply censor lesbian/gay "bed hopping." The medium, for the most part, has refused to portray lesbians and gays in ANY of the loving (and human) relationships that form our lives and our community.

However awkward, Robins' point is well-taken. And, all in all, his article sheds some welcome light on a welcome trend.

Comments may be shared with Peter Bart, V.P. and the Editorial Director, *Daily Variety, 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036, tel. 213-857-6600, fax 213-857-0742.*

## SNAPPLE SNAPS TO IT (SORT OF)

Snapple is among those companies that have--finally--seen the error of their advertising ways. Until recently, the company was among the chief sponsors of the grotesque Rush Limbaugh and his nationwide homophobic broadcasts.

For well over a year, Snapple's Board of Directors had been lobbied by concerned consumers, until the company has at last heeded the recommendation to find less-polluted environment for its advertising spots. Snapple has pulled its support from Limbaugh.

Unfortunately, however, the company will not publicly state that Limbaugh's attacks on lesbians and gay men (as well as women and people of color) had anything to do with the decision.

Instead, Snapple's Consumer Affairs Representative announced: "In order to more effectively reach our consumers in their local areas, our agency has decided to allocate all of our 1995 dollars to local stations. Since the Rush Limbaugh Show is a national radio program, it is no longer a part of our radio schedule for the coming year. Snapple's choices of buying time are now, and have always been, based solely only how we believe we can most cost effectively reach our consumers."

So let's see...does that mean that the company would buy time on a KKK cable access show, as long as it provided a cheap way to reach Snapple drinkers?

Queries can be sent to Michele MacMahon, Consumer Affairs Rep., Snapple Beverage Corp., 1500 Hempstead Tpke., P. O. Box 4900, East Meadow, NY 11554-9400, tel. 800-235-2929, FAX: 516-872-4874.

## MEDIA BRIEF

**GAY JEANS...**The American Family Association, a media watchdog group, continues to call for a boycott of Levi Strauss products (Levi's, Dockers and Britannia clothing) because the company "markets to homosexuals." According to the AFA's February newsletter, "the marketing efforts of Levi Strauss have met with great acceptance among homosexuals." To counter the AFA effort, contact Robert Hauss, President, Levi Strauss, 1155 Battery St., S.F., CA, tel. 415-544-6133 or 800-USA-LEVI; messages for the American Family Association may be sent to Donald Wildmon, AFA, P.O. Drawer 2440, e-mail AMFAMILY1@aol-com.



## A COLAGE OF FAMILIES

by Julie Cooper

When you came out to your son or daughter, the gay community was there for you with support, suggestions and encouragement, but who was there for your son or daughter?

When your children are ridiculed or attacked at school because of who you are, do you have the words, support and strength they need?

The stigma forced on lesbians and gays by radical-right society throughout history creates guilt by association and stigmatizes and condemns not only the "accused," but those associated with the "accused."

Once again, in the radical right's attempt to force their own ideals and to recreate society in their own image (the image of "Stepford Wives" comes to mind), children are the ones hurt the most.

COLAGE, Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, has recently formed in Boulder and offers support and encouragement for children of lesbian, gay and bi-sexual parents.

COLAGE works to break down the myths and misconceptions created about gays and lesbians, especially those aimed at gay parents.

COLAGE meets once on the third Wednesday in Boulder and plans to form chapters around the state. They also meet once a month for social events.

In addition to the support group and social activities, COLAGE is committed to providing education and awareness about gay families.

On Saturday, April 8, COLAGE is sponsoring a workshop, "The Lesbian and Gay Family Experience," to help other come to a greater understanding about the experience of lesbian and gay parents and their children through presentation of current research and clinical issues, discussions and sharing of personal stories.

"We are encouraging lesbian and gay parents and their children to come join us for this workshop," coordinator of Boulder COLAGE Mike Beebe said. The cost of the workshop is $50.00.

"When groups such as CFV lead others to believe homosexuality is "anti-family" and homophobia is still pretty extreme," Beebe said, "COLAGE believes it is very important to create a place where daughters and sons can discuss different issues that come up in their families as a result of homophobia."

COLAGE also puts out a newsletter called "Just For Us," a way for nearly nine hundred children with gay, lesbian and bisexual parents to keep in touch and gain insight into events and issues that affect the gay family life.

For more information on COLAGE, the workshop, or to subscribe to "Just For Us," call or write:

Mike Beebe
COLAGE Coordinator
745 20th St. #3
Boulder, CO 80302
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## Ground Zero's Volunteer Sheet

**Ground Zero** is an all volunteer non-profit organization. To survive we need and accept all help that is offered. There are many different volunteer positons available and no experience is necessary to participate... We believe your volunteer experience at Ground Zero will be self-fulfilling and beneficial to the community. Thank you for your support

Please print and fill in all information, Thank You.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: ( )_____
When is the best time to contact you?_____

Please be specific in what days and times you are available to volunteer

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Below is a list of areas where there is an ongoing need for volunteers. Please circle any that you would like to become involved with.

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| Office Aid | Fundraiser | Information Distributor |
| Journalists | Telemarketer | Grant Writer |
| Word Processor | Media | Data Entry |
| Speakers Bureau | | |

If there are other areas of interest, or you have any qualifications of skills that you would like to offer please explain in this section.

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# YET ANOTHER "FAMILY VAL UES" CRUSADED CHARGED WITH CHILD MOLESTATION

**DENVER, CO, March 21 1995**—A leading anti-gay crusader in Kentucky, Warren Ford, has been arrested and charged with several counts of first-degree sodomy; indecent exposure, first-degree sexual abuse and distributing obscene materials to minors, according to a Kentucky newspaper report.

Ford has also been a former columnist in a right-wing "family values" newspaper and the 1992 Republican nominee to represent Kentucky's 31st House District.

"Warren Ford is just the latest example of who these anti-gay fanatics really are," said Rick Cendo, Colorado president of Gays and Lesbians Against Immoral Lifestyles.

"Whether its admitted daughter—molester Beverly Russell in South Carolina (a leader in the Christian Coalition and South Carolina's Republican Party), accused woman harasser Kevin Tebedo here in Colorado (Executive Director of Colorado for Family Values) or convicted child-abuser Bob Enyart, also in Colorado (host of an anti-gay TV program), these people who are obsessed with promoting discrimination and violence against gays are sick people," Cendo said.

"What's worse," continued Cendo, "is that they push their sick, disturbed agenda under the flag of "family values," a critical issue in this country that deserves true care and sincere attention, not PR manipulation by obsessed psychotics.

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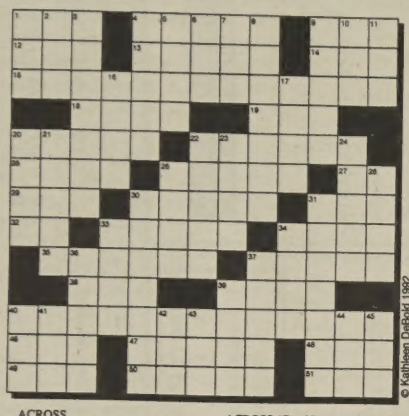
The Crossword below is published with the gracious approval of Kathleen DeBold. It may be found in her book *WORD GAYMES: 101 puzzles with lesbian and gay themes*, Boston: Alyson Publications, Inc., 1993.

Kathleen is the Deputy Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund in Washington D. C. Her puzzles appear regularly in the *Washington Blade*, *Lambda Book Report* and other gay and lesbian publications throughout the country. The solution for this crossword will appear in the next *GZ NEWS*.

## WORD GAYME # 44: PORTRAIT OF A MARRIAGE



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**ACROSS**

1. Beatles hit, "All ___ Need Is Love"
4. Sieves food
9. Econ. indicator
12. Sea eagle
13. Grownup
14. Fish eggs
15. *Portrait of a Marriage* subject, Vita _____-____
18. Strong beers
19. Chest bone
20. *Portrait of a Marriage* author Nicolson
22. Lover of 15 across, _____ Trefusis
25. Algonquin tribe
26. Furious
27. Olivia Newton-John hit, "__ You Love Me"
29. Assistance

**ACROSS (Cont'd)**

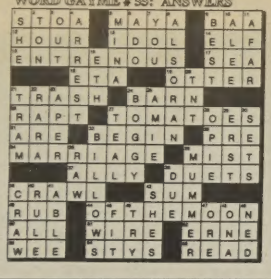
30. Wandered
31. Bookkeeper
32. William Hoffman play, *__ Is*
33. Greek city-state
34. Final
35. Husband of 15 across, _____ Nicolson
37. Husband of 22 across, _____ Trefusis
38. Border
39. Will not
40. She wrote *Orlando* about 15 across
46. Commotion
47. Norway, to Norwegians
48. Bread type
49. Women's rights group
50. *The Female Eunuch* author, Germaine _____
51. Use a needle

**DOWN**

1. Judith McDaniel novel, *Just Say* ___
2. "Are you a man __ _ mouse?"
3. Free to roam
4. Impressionist composer, Maurice ____
5. Belonging to Amin
6. ___-de-sac
7. Building wing
8. Artificial hormone
9. Diving bird
10. Refusals
11. After *teacher's* or *house*
16. Swiss painter, Paul ___
17. Frenzied
20. University sports org
21. Nationality of Oscar Wilde
22. Brilliant
23. Folksinger Burl ____
24. A little drunk
26. Hang laxly
28. Singer Domino
30. Living in someone else's house
31. Synagogue singers
33. Narrow-minded person
34. *Tonight Show* host
36. "Straight as an _____."
37. Widow's inheritance
39. Engage in (a war)
40. Actor Johnson or Heflin
41. Holy Union words
42. Neither's partner
43. Anger
44. Caustic substance
45. Not many

## *Solution to last month's Puzzle*

WORD GAYME # 55: ANSWERS



## COLIN COOK

Note on CFV Article Pg. 5
by Franklin Whitworth

Colin Cook fashions himself as an ex-gay. He is, in fact, a prime example of what happens to a person who attempts to repress his natural sexual orientation—the truth of what the whole reparative therapy "ex-gay" movement is all about. Cook is a major part of the book *EX GAYS: THERE ARE NONE*, by Rev. Sylvia Pennington and, indeed, the revelations about his program by and to the Seventh Day Adventists, is a primary reason for the conclusion drawn in the title of the book.

Quest existed for much of the eighties. To it came many whose sexual identity was confused, challenged, in question and who sought good advice and trusted couseling. They came seeking a "cure." Instead reports said, they found sexual abuse at the hands of Colin Cook and, often, quite accidentally, acceptance of their true sexuality. According to Pennington, homosexual activity, it would seem, was the rule not the exception at Quest, where, overwhelmingly, the couselors, including Colin Cook, and the counselees proclaimed their cure by day and expressed their true natures with each other by night. This, it would seem as indicated by the reports, was not only the rule at Quest but such denial against actual actions seems to have been endemic among Exodus, an umbrella organization for reparative therapy ministries of which Quest was one.

Documentation sent to the Adventist demonstrated that Cook regularly enticed, cajoled and used his power position to molest his charges, including underage teens. His surpression (not cure) of his homosexuality led to this perversion, this prurient and deviant obsession that was dictated by the surpression to fulfill his natural drive. Unable to seek "normal" sexual relations with those to whom he was attracted, other consenting adults, he became a product of obsessive behavior.

It is nothing new. When people of whatever sexuality are unable to deal with and explore their innate sexuality, frustration, self-denial, self doubt and self-hate leads to such prurient activities. It is the fate of many so-called "cured" homosexuals. They either express themselves in this way or live a life of self-depravtion and guilt for experiencing their god-given desires and sexual attractions.

**REV.** Colin Cook is another kook to throw into Colorado for Family Values' stable of kooks alongside **DR.** PAUL CAMERON and **JEWISH SCHOLAR** Kevin Abrams. ∇

## DO YOU GIVE GOOD PHONE??

GROUND ZERO is looking for interested individuals who have **excellent communication skills** to participate in our **Premier GZ Membership Phonathon**. We provide **training, food and gratitude** - - you provide **enthusiasm and fearlessness** to solicit people for support (that is, **MONEY**). Prizes will also be awarded.

The final schedule is still being set but tentative plans are as follows:

**Phonathon Dates:** April 24th through 29th.

**Training Sessions:** April 19th or 20th

**Minimum commitment:** One 3 hour calling block

**Place:** The Community Center * 125 N. Parkside

This is an excellent chance to meet other orally fixated people and to practice your skills for a **great cause!**

If interested, please stop by or call the Ground Zero office (635-6086) and leave a message for Susan Swern, Membership Coordinator **no later than April 14th.**

**WHEN YOU DO YOUR PART, THEN WE CAN DO OURS!**

## GZ'S NEW MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR SPEAKS OUT

By way of introduction, my name is Susan Swern and I have just been appointed Ground Zero's first (hard to believe!) Membership Coordinator. Our goal in creating this position is to become more focused on broadening GZ's membership base and opening the channels of communication with Colorado Springs' gay/lesbian/ bisexual/transgendered (GLBT) community and its supporters.

Through my year-long association with people at Ground Zero, I have heard repeatedly that the GLBT community in general is not as involved or supportive of GZ's work as they'd wish. Involvement means anything from attending GZ sponsored events to volunteering to contributions to communicating directly with us. When I asked why, the comments included: a) the GLBT community at large is very closeted and fears getting involved; b) many people don't know what we do or why we exist; c) some disagree with our focus and/or tactics; d) some don't know how to become more active; and e) many feel they don't have the time or money to be more supportive.

While I acknowledge every person's right to decide how to spend their time and money, as Membership Coordinator I also want to personally challenge all of these reasons. The truth of the matter is Ground Zero exists because the GLBT community exists and is continually challenged by individuals and groups who'd like to either see us cured, silenced or dead. Ground Zero does not exist simply to challenge Amendment 2 type propaganda. Nor does it exist to give its board of directors, executive director, volunteers, etc. something to do with their free time. Ground Zero, while not assuming it speaks for all GLBT people, does serve as a visible, collective voice for the community.

The important point here is: Ground Zero is about educating ourselves and the larger community that we have a right to exist and flourish However, GZ cannot continue to do its work without direct input from the GLBT community and its supporters. In order for Ground Zero to function as an inclusive, viable educational entity, we need card-carrying members. And while financial support certainly is a critical part of this appeal, membership also means your voice is being heard and accounted for. CFV boasts as having _____ members, while Ground Zero's current membership stands at _____ (and growing!). Even if you choose not to be "out", there are alternatives to remaining silent or passive as a GLBT person.

In the days and months ahead, I implore you to consider why you feel Ground Zero is or should be important to you. To assist you, we will be distributing a "WHO ARE YOU" survey (via mail and GZ News) so we can get an idea of who you are, what is important to you and how Ground Zero can better reflect your voice. We also will be conducting a Membership Drive Phonathon in late April.

I hope you all will take seriously your role in making Ground Zero responsive, proactive and truly representative. Should you wish to speak to me directly, call the GZ office at 635-6086 and I will happily return your call within 24 hours. ∇

# APRIL 1995

**Send your listings to GZ CALENDAR, P. O. Box 1982**
**COS CO 80901 FAX: (719) 635-6106 V (719) 635-6086**
***Please, Make Submissions by the Twentieth of each month***

### 1 Saturday
UCPPE Really Tough Drag Show H & S

### 2 Sunday
Pueblo MCC (543-6460) 12:30 P
COS MCC ALL SOULS 5P

### 3 Monday
PPGLCC BINGO 21 ST. 7P
CGRA Membership Meet 7:30P

### 6 Thurdsday
DIVERSITY CHORUS REHERSAL All Souls 7P
MISTY McCRAE Benefit Show H & S

### 8 Saturday
MCC EASTER CANTATA 6P All Souls (Don. $5)
CORONATION DENVER COURT

NEW CENTER ADDRESS 125 N. PARKSIDE

### 9 Sunday
Pueblo MCC (543-6460) 12:30 P
COS MCC ALL SOULS 5P
MCC EASTER CANTATA 6P All Souls (Don. $5)
COURT SHOW H & S

### 10 Monday
PPGLCC BINGO 21 ST. 7P

### 11 Tuesday
Ground Zero Board Meet. 6:30P
PPGLCC BINGO 21 ST. 7P

### 12 Wednesday
PFLAG NEW PARENT 6P FULL MEETING 7P

### 13 Thursday
DIVERSITY CHORUS REHERSAL All Souls 7P
MISTY McCRAE Benefit Show H & S

### 14 Friday
TV SITCOM SHOW THE PENTHOUSE

### 15 Saturday
MIN. BOTTLE HUNT SHOW BRANDING IRON H&S

### 16 Sunday
Pueblo MCC (543-6460) 12:30 P
COS MCC ALL SOULS 5P
Special Easter Services

### 17 Monday
PPGLCC BINGO 21 ST. 7P
CGRA BOARD MEET. 7:30P

### 18 Tuesday
PPGLCC BINGO 21 ST. 7P

### 20 Thursday
DIVERSITY CHORUS REHERSAL All Souls 7P
MISTY McCRAE Benefit Show H & S

### 22 Saturday
BIBLE AND HOMOSEXUALITY SEMINAR 10-4 SEE P. 2
PENTHOUSE ANNIVERSARY PARTY

### 23 Sunday
BIBLE AND HOMOSEXUALITY SEMINAR 10-4 SEE P. 2
Pueblo MCC (543-6460) 12:30 P
COS MCC ALL SOULS 5P
Wheel Of Fortune H & S 3-5P
COURT SHOW PM H&S

### 24 Monday
PPGLCC BINGO 21 ST. 7P

### 25 Tuesday
PPGLCC BINGO 21 ST. 7P

### 27 Thursday
DIVERSITY CHORUS REHERSAL All Souls 7P
MISTY McCRAE Benefit Show H & S

### 29 Saturday
BIBLE AND HOMOSEXUALITY SEMINAR 10-4 SEE P. 2
Pridefest Fundraiser H & S

### 30 Sunday
Pueblo MCC (543-6460) 12:30
COS MCC ALL SOULS 5P
COURT SHOW AT THE H & S

Melinda Worthing

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**P. O. Box 311 80901**
**(719) 578-9092**
**TDD AVAILABLE**
**Pueblo**
**P. O. Box 3277 81005**
**(719) 561-2616**
**Alamosa**
**P. O. Box 1370 81101**
**(719) 589-8412**
**Toll Free in 719 area code: 1-800-241-5468**
**FOR HIV TESTING, PRE-POST TEST COUNSELING:**
**El Paso Cty Health Dpt.**
**(719) 578-3148**
**Otero Cty Health Dept.**
**(719) 384-2584**
**Pueblo Health Dept.**
**(719) 544-8376**
**Valley-Wide Health Services, Inc-Alamosa**
**(719) 589-5161**
**AGENCIES FUNDED THROUGH THE SOUTHERN COLORADO AIDS CONSORTIUM:**
**El Paso Cty Health Dpt.**
**(719) 578-3148**
**Pikes Peak Hospice**
**(719) 633-3400**
**S.E.T. of Colo. Spgs.**
**(719) 630-5476**
**The Monarch House Group, Inc.**
**(719) 634-0133**
**Visiting Nurse's Agency Association**
**(719) 577-4448**

## Resource Guide

### ANTI- VIOLENCE PROJECT (AVP)
(719) 338-8899
A 24-hour confidential crisis hotline. If you are a victim of verbal harassment, physical violence, discrimination, domestic violence/partner abuse, sexual assault, etc., call the AVP.

### COLO. GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (CGRA)
P. O. Box 15504 COS CO 80935
(719) 576-CGRA

### DIGNITY
P.O. Box 1172 COS CO 80901 (719) 635-5773
A national organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgendered Catholics, their families and friends, is now in its third year serving Colorado Springs, Pueblo and the Southern Colorado area. Contact Michael for more information.
ACTIVITIES: Mass for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and heterosexual communities is held the 1st & 3rd Saturdays each month at 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 21st & W. Colorado Avenue in Colorado Springs. A monthly fundraising brunch is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 11:30 a.m., at the Colorado Grill Restaurant, 512 W. Colorado Avenue. A monthly discussion/support group meets on the 3rd Thursday each month at Sacred Heart.

### DIVERSITY CHORUS (DC)
235 E. Franklin Fountain Blvd COS CO
(719) 635-4580

### GROUND ZERO INC (GZ)
P. O. Box 1982 COS CO 80901
V 635-6086F 635-6106
Ground Zero maintains a full-time office relocated in the new gay center (125 N. Parkside.) See our mission statement on Pg. 2.

### HIDE AND SEEK (H&S)
505 W. Colorado Ave. COS CO 80903
(719) 634-9393
The largest & oldest Complex, with 4 bars and a restaurant, large show and dance bar, quiet pool room bar, country bar w/dance floor, teen club with juice bar and dance floor.

### HOUR GLASS (HR)
2748 Airport Rd. COS CO 80910
(719) 471-2104

### INSIDE/OUT YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP
An adolescent support group for those questioning thier sexuality. Weekly meetings and activities. Call 578-3160 for more information.

### LA GUIA (LG)
P.O. Box 1335 COS CO 80901
(719) 473-6771
La Guia is a cultural awareness and advocacy service organization that encourages the inclusion of Hispano/Latino Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered, Gay Men and their friends by providing a diverse forum that is both autonomous and inter-active within the greater Gay and Lesbian Community.

### MONARCH HOUSE (MHG)
P.O. Box 8169 COS CO 80933
(719) 634-0133
Provides Emergency Financial Rent/Mortgage Subsidies to People Living With Aids, Monthly Food Bank and Pantry, as well as Emergency Financial Utilities Subsidies. 501 (c)(3) Non-profit Org.

### NEW PHAZES (NP)
P. O. Box 6485 COS CO 80934
(718) 634-0236
To encourage cohesion in the Pikes Peak Region's Lesbian community by providing an open forum which stimulates, informs and entertains. Monthly meetings are the first Wed of each month--all welcome. Articles and submissions are also welcome.

### PENTHOUSE (PH)
1715 N. Academy Blvd COS CO 80909
(719) 597-3314
Located on the eastside, provides something for everyone. During the week it has the feeling of a Friendly Neighborhood bar. Thurs., Friday and Saturday, it is the place to Dance and it's late night Fri. & Sat. After Hours Party Hdqtrs.

### P-FLAG COS CO
P.O. BOX 10076 COS CO 80932
VM (719) 575-8658
and

### P-FLAG PUEBLO
24173 Preston Rd. Pueblo CO 81006
(719) 545-7426
Support group for family and friends of lesbians and gays, dedicated to the preservation of families in loving relationships.

### PIKES PEAK GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER (PPGLCC)
Helpline 471-4GAYS
P. O. Box 607 COS CO 80901
719) 471-4429

### PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (MCC)
730 N. Tejon St COS CO 80903
(719) 634-3771
A Christian Church whose ministry is OPEN to all people, but with an outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community.

### PUEBLO AFTER 2
P. O. Box 1602 Pueblo CO 81002
V/F (719) 564-4004
A GLBT Organization serving the Pueblo area, working through education and community outreach.

### SIMPLE JUSTICE
P.O. Box 93 COS CO 80901
(719) 528-6920

### SOUTHERN COLO. AIDS PROJECT (S-CAP)
514 S. Tejon St. COS CO 80903
V (719) 578-9092

### TRUE COLORS (TC'S)
1865 N. Academy Blvd. COS CO 80909
(719) 637-0773
Primarily a lesbian bar, the doors are open to everyone. There is a dance floor, pool tables, games, and drink specials Open W-S.

### UNITED COURT OF THE PIKES PEAK EMPIRE (UCPPE)
P. O. Box 6925 COS CO 80904
(719) 447-1092

### WOMENS SOCIAL GROUP (WSG)
For info, call 471-4GAYS
A Social Support Organization for Women.

IF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR ACTIVITY IS NOT LISTED CALL 635-6086

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Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church
730 N. Tejon
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Voice/Fax 719-634-3771
Rev. Nori J. Rost, Pastor
Worship Time Sunday, 5:00 PM
Office Hours Tue-Wed: 1 PM-9-PM, Thu-Fri: 9 AM-5 PM

DIVERSITY CHORUS

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Colorado Springs

The Pike Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center

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Inside Out Youth Group

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The Colorado HIV/AIDS Consumer Information Task Force is pleased to present a public forum to help consumers and their care providers integrate the latest information about HIV/AIDS treatments into their personal decision making.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1995

5:30 PM Registration and complementary dinner buffet
Reflections: The AIDS Memorial Quilt

6:30 PM Introduction: **Barbara Hruska**
Colorado Department of Health

6:40 PM Stories from the Quilt: **Cleve Jones**
NAMES Project Foundation

7:30 PM Break

7:45 PM Identifying Fraudulent Products: **Jane Wilson**
U.S. Public Health Service

8:15 PM Evaluating Nutritional Therapies: **Susan Lee, MS, RD**
Denver Health & Hospitals
**Lisa Poggas, MS, RD**
Denver Health & Hospitals
**Bruce Rengers, PhD, RD**
University of Northern Colorado

Sheraton Hotel
2886 S. Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado

8:45 PM Question/Answer Session and Social Period

Sponsored by: The Colorado HIV/AIDS Consumer Information Task Force, US Food & Drug Administration, Southern Colorado AIDS Project

Please enroll me in HIV/AIDS Awareness: Separating Fact From Fiction, ***April 18, 1995.*** Preregistration is requested as seating and dinners are limited.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Special Needs: _____

Registration Fee: **FREE**
Dinner Buffet: **FREE**

Mail the registration form by ***April 10, 1995*** to:

Tim Bulluss
Southern Colo. AIDS Project
P.O. Box 311
Colo. Springs, CO 80901

***Contact S-CAP at 719-578-9092*** for more information.

Please check , if applicable:

- ❑ Dietitian CEUs
- ❑ Nursing CEUs